Men of the Woods

Complete the paragraph by dragging the words.

deplorable - in office - gained - corps - fondly - barracks - mandatory - illiterate - aimless - labor

During the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was the president ..... at the time, faced the big challenge of employing millions of people. One of the programs his government developed was the Civilian Conservation ....., which were groups mostly of men that worked in parks and forests nationwide.

The program was almost military. Men slept in ..... and had very strict rules regarding schedules, hygiene and discipline. It was ..... for men to clean their shoes - even the soles - every day. However, many of the men who participated in the program remembered it ..... as the camps became a home for many. For others it was also a school because they were ..... and had the chance to learn to read and write there.

Although it was mostly hard physical ....., this program aided ..... young men who simply didn't know what to do with their lives. Besides, life conditions were more ..... outside of the program as they would surely find themselves jobless and even homeless. Without knowing it, the men here ..... experience on how to survive in the wilderness, knowledge that they would require not far in the future, when the US entered World War 2.

Match the columns.

1. Before construction, someone must...	...had destroyed the land in some states.
2. In 1929, the downturn in economy...	...survey the land to see if its suitable.
3. These years were full of adversity...	...had disappeared and people faced an uncertain future.
4. Besides the economic downfall, erosion...	...led many businesses into bankruptcy.
5. The abundance of the Roaring Twenties...	...that included a severe drought and extreme poverty.

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