Assessment Questions – Inquiry Based – History of Social Security

1. Which clause of the Preamble is often used to support the purpose of Social Security? (“Promote the general welfare.”)
2. How does the government promote the general welfare? (By using tax dollars to provide schools, environmental protection, social security, welfare, making laws to promote fair and safe working conditions, the FDA and other regulatory bodies.)
3. Which important economic package was the Social Security Act of 1935 part of? (The New Deal.)
4. What was the original goal of the Social Security Act of 1935? (To promote economic security of the nation’s people by using contributions to pay retirees.)
5. Who does Social Security serve today? (Not only retirees, but also the disabled and survivors of deceased workers to name a few.)