

Questions related to “Why I Am a Socialist”

1. What were Americans told was the cause of the Great Depression?
2. How often have economic crises been occurring?
3. Thomas proclaims, “I am a Socialist and not a Communist.” What does this mean?
4. Was poverty abolished during the prosperous years of the 1920s? Explain.
5. Thomas believes that in a capitalist society a person’s income is determined by ownership, which is often inherited, and not by work. Do you agree? Explain.
6. What are three ways by which socialists expect to advance their movement?
7. Give three examples of socialist ideas for government programs.
8. Socialists seek the redistribution of wealth and the public ownership of industry. Name three kinds of taxes that socialists believe would assist with these goals.
9. Thomas wants to replace “profit seeking private owners” with a “public authority” that represents “producers” and “consumers.” Discuss whether such a system would work.