Chapter 22

Document 1

1. The PWA worker was not earning enough money for he and his family to live on. He feared that he would be evicted and not have anywhere to stay.
2. The PWA worker probably believes that the letter will make the President think about raising the monthly wage.

Document 2

1. Kiplinger suggests that business leaders are frustrated with the number of policies coming from government – that there are too many coming in too short of time.
2. One outcome predicted by Kiplinger was that if the government backed off their programs, the business leaders would be able to increase business and provide more jobs. Another possible outcome predicted by Kiplinger was that if the government continued to ignore the pleas of business leaders then there would be a revolt by the business groups.

Document 3

1. Senator Long supported President Roosevelt in the beginning when it appeared that FDR supported a redistribution of wealth. Later, it appeared to Long that the President was not following through on his campaign promises to redistribute the wealth of the United States to include everyone.
2. The Share Our Wealth Society movement was designed to be a force capable of requiring wealth redistribution policies from the lawmakers and the President.

Document 4

1. Father Coughlin first believed that Franklin Roosevelt would be a champion of the people and stand up against the industrialists and bankers that he believed were the cause of the depression. He later believed that President Roosevelt was just like the rest and that nothing changed with his election.
2. Student answers will vary, but must include examples from both Senator Long and Father Coughlin – both of whom came to change their minds about Franklin Roosevelt.

Document 5

1. The writer of the letter does not think the New Deal program is a good thing and that it promotes “free-loaders”.
2. The writer believes that the New Deal program should be ended and that everyone should have to help themselves rather than rely on the government.

Document 6

1. President Roosevelt is portrayed as a magician because it would take something like magic or a miracle for his programs to work.
2. The cartoonist is trying to portray that it would take something like magic or a miracle for his programs to work.

Document 7

1. The article suggests that President Roosevelt was trying to pack the Supreme Court with Justices that he favored. It also suggests that he is trying to do this by increasing the number of Justices from nine to fifteen.
2. Frank E. Gannett believed that Roosevelt’s proposal was a step towards a dictatorship. His opinion was important as he was the publisher of newspapers that many people read.