Assessment

Theme 2: Taxes in U.S. History
Lesson 4: The Social Security Act of 1935

Part 1

Read the questions below. Determine if the statements are True or False and write your answer in the space provided.

1. In 1935, the Social Security Act was designed to support retired workers.
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2. Workers voluntarily pay payroll taxes in order to support Social Security.
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3. Withholding is the amount your employer deducts from your paycheck.
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4. FICA is a tax that funds Social Security.
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5. “Pay-as-you-earn” means that you pay what you wish into Social Security.
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Part 2

Match the clues with their correct terms. Write the letters of the correct terms on the lines provided.

A. Mandatory
B. Deducted
C. Federal Insurance Contribution Act
D. Pay-as-you-go
E. Retired

____ The first beneficiaries of the Social Security Act

____ What FICA stands for

____ If a payroll tax is compulsory, then it is ____.

____ Money that is withheld from your paycheck is ____.

____ Another way to describe how payroll taxes are collected
Part 3

Match the clues with their correct terms. Write the letters of the correct terms on the lines provided.

A. Withholding  
B. Social Security  
C. Frances Perkins  
D. New Deal  
E. FICA

____ The program that provides income to retired and disabled workers and the unemployed  
____ President Roosevelt’s program for providing work to unemployed people  
____ The first woman Cabinet member and designer of Social Security  
____ The compulsory payroll tax that funds Social Security  
____ The term for money that employers hold back from employees’ paychecks