



**8. What does the \$700 billion rescue package passed by Congress give the government the right to do?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Why is a financial crisis that began in the United States now affecting the rest of the world?**

**2. Name some ways that the problems with foreclosed homes could have been prevented.**

**3. Do you think the U.S. government should start buying up the bad mortgages? How would that affect the economy? Who would benefit?**

**4. Are coordinated efforts and intervention by world central banks a good idea? Why or why not?**

**5. Make a prediction: what do you think will happen next? Are we at the bottom of the market? What would another depression look like 80 years after the Great Depression?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.