



**APPLYING THE SKILL I**

Identify which statement in each set is a generalization by marking an X in the space provided.

- 1.  a. The sky is getting dark.  
 b. A storm is coming.  
 c. The temperature is dropping.  
 d. Clouds are forming.
  
- 2.  a. There are newspapers in the yard.  
 b. The house is dark.  
 c. The residents are on vacation.  
 d. No cars are in the driveway.
  
- 3.  a. Americans enjoy many rights and freedoms.  
 b. Americans have the right to criticize their government officials.  
 c. No one has the right to force a U.S. citizen to vote for a particular candidate.  
 d. Freedom of the press is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

**APPLYING THE SKILL II**

In the space provided, write a generalization for each of the following sets of statements.

- 1. • When more than 5,000 U.S. banks failed in the early 1930s, many people lost their life savings.  
 • During the Great Depression, many people waited in breadlines for bowls of soup and pieces of bread.  
 • By 1932 about 12 million Americans were unemployed.

Generalization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. • The wealthiest 20 percent of the U.S. population controls about three fourths of the nation's assets.  
 • Nearly half of the total income of all Americans is earned by the richest 20 percent of the U.S. population.  
 • It is estimated that the top U.S. corporate executives earn 100 times as much money as the lowest-paid production workers.

Generalization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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