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UNIT 4
WORKSHEET 3

Your Stock Market Losses

Directions: The booming bull stock market hit a high on September 3, 1929. It crashed on October 24 (Black Thursday) and again on October 29, 1929. Suppose you were a typical small investor of that time. Shown below is your investment portfolio, with stock prices for both those high and low dates. You own 100 shares of each stock. How much did your total stock account gain or lose in value between September 3 and October 29? Fill in the values to find out.

	Per share high on 9/3/29	Value of 100 shares	Per share low on 10/29/29	Value of 100 shares
Auburn Auto	498	_____	120	_____
Electric Auto-Lite	154	_____	50	_____
Brooklyn Union Gas	247	_____	100	_____
Purity Bakeries	144 $\frac{3}{8}$	_____	55	_____
Montgomery Ward	137 $\frac{7}{8}$	_____	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	_____
Radio Corporation	101	_____	26	_____
White Sewing Machine	17 $\frac{7}{8}$	_____	1	_____
	Total Value	_____		_____

Well, you lost a lot, didn't you? How much? _____ But you still *have* a fair amount, don't you? But wait—you bought the stocks on September 3 on margin—that is, you paid only 50 percent of the stock prices when you bought them. You owe your broker the balance. You expected to pay that balance by selling the stocks at a profit. Now your broker has called for the balance that you owe on the stock purchases. Can you pay, or are you hopelessly in debt? Show your figures here:

Total cost of the stock purchases on 9/3/29: _____

Balance that you owe to your broker (50%): _____

Current value of the stocks: _____