

U.S. History
1930s: The Great Depression

1. What was unique about the Great Depression when compared with other “panics” or “depressions?”

2. What was the primary cause of the stock market crash on October 29th, 1929?

3. What business made the most money during the 1920s?

4. Why did farms in the south do so poorly? Why did farms in other places do poorly?

5. Herbert Hoover was elected in 1928. What were his policies toward economic difficulties Americans were having? How did this differ from Harding and Coolidge?

6. Why was the Smoot-Hawley Tariff disastrous for Americans and other countries?

7. Why did Hoover try to help corporations instead of individuals?

8. What were Hoovervilles?

9. How did Henry Ford's statement about workers prove to be untrue, even at Ford Motor Company?

10. What was the effect of the Great Depression on schools across the United States?

11. What was the "Bonus Army?" What was Herbert Hoover's response to the Bonus Army? Why did he react this way?

12. What caused the Dust Bowl? What were the results?

13. Who were the "Okies?" Why did they go to California?