Hoover Dam: The Making of a Monument   Name _____

1. To what does the narrator compare the Hoover Dam?

2. Why was it so dangerous to work on the Hoover Dam project?

3. Describe the Colorado River. How did many people view the river?
   a.   b.

4. What were the 3 reasons for building the dam? (watch for b and c coming up)
   a.   b.   c.

5. What obstacles did the Bureau of Reclamation face in getting the dam project underway?

6. What role did Herbert Hoover play in getting the project going?

7. Why were people happy to hear that there was a big dam project?

8. What town was near the dam site? What was that town like at that time?
   a.   b.

9. What were temperatures like in the dam site area? What was the terrain (land) like in the area?
   a.   b.

10. Why was the name of the dam so controversial?

11. Describe Frank Crowe, the engineer of the dam project:

12. Describe the size of the proposed dam:

13. What was it like at the dam site in the beginning?

14. How did they drill the tunnels to divert the river?

15. What happened because of the deadline for the project?

16. Describe the experiences of the workers on the job:

17. Why did the workers decide to strike? How did it turn out?
    a.   b.

18. What was the worker housing like?

19. What was the food like?

20. How did they force the river to go through the tunnels?

21. What was the most dangerous job on the dam? Why?

22. Why did they rename the dam?

23. How were African American workers treated?

24. Where did the workers go to spend their paychecks? What did they do there?

25. Describe the job of pouring the concrete.

26. Were any workers buried in the concrete? When did they finish pouring the concrete?
    a.   b.

27. Why was the design of the dam so important? Describe the design.
    a.   b.

28. What's inside the dam? How many people does the power generated serve?
    a.   b.

29. What was significant about the two men who were the first and last to die working on the dam?

30. How did the workers feel about their role in building the dam?