

1. Describe the some of the conditions of the Dust Bowl.
2. What was farming like on the Great Plains **before** the Dust Bowl? (Describe)
3. Why did so many people go west to farm in the Great Plains?
4. What were “suitcase farmers”?
5. What problems did people experience because of the dust in the air? What did people do about it?
6. What happened to the crops? How quickly did this happen?
7. What states did the Dust Bowl touch?
8. What did the landscape look like after this?
9. What was it like to eat and drink during the dust storms?
10. How did people try to stop the dust from coming into their homes? Did it work?
11. How did they get water?
12. What did static electricity do to crops?
13. How did this affect people’s morale?
14. What did people live on during this time?

15. How did people feel about taking government assistance like relief checks or canned food?
16. What did the government do about the starving cattle?
17. Why were rabbits such a problem? Describe a “rabbit drive.”
18. Describe the storm on Black Sunday. What did it do to people’s morale?
19. What were the consequences of being caught out in a storm?
20. What epidemic was caused by the dust?
 - b. what did people use as remedies for it?
 - c. How serious was it? Who was especially vulnerable?
21. What did some people decide to do about this?
22. Why did some people decide to stay?
23. How did Tex Thornton try to make it rain?
24. How far did the dust cloud travel? What did that make a government committee do?
25. How many people left the Great Plains?
26. What did the government pay farmers to do?
27. Describe how people felt about the rain when it finally came: