



Form A

## CHAPTER TEST

*The Great Depression Begins***Part 1: Main Ideas**

Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

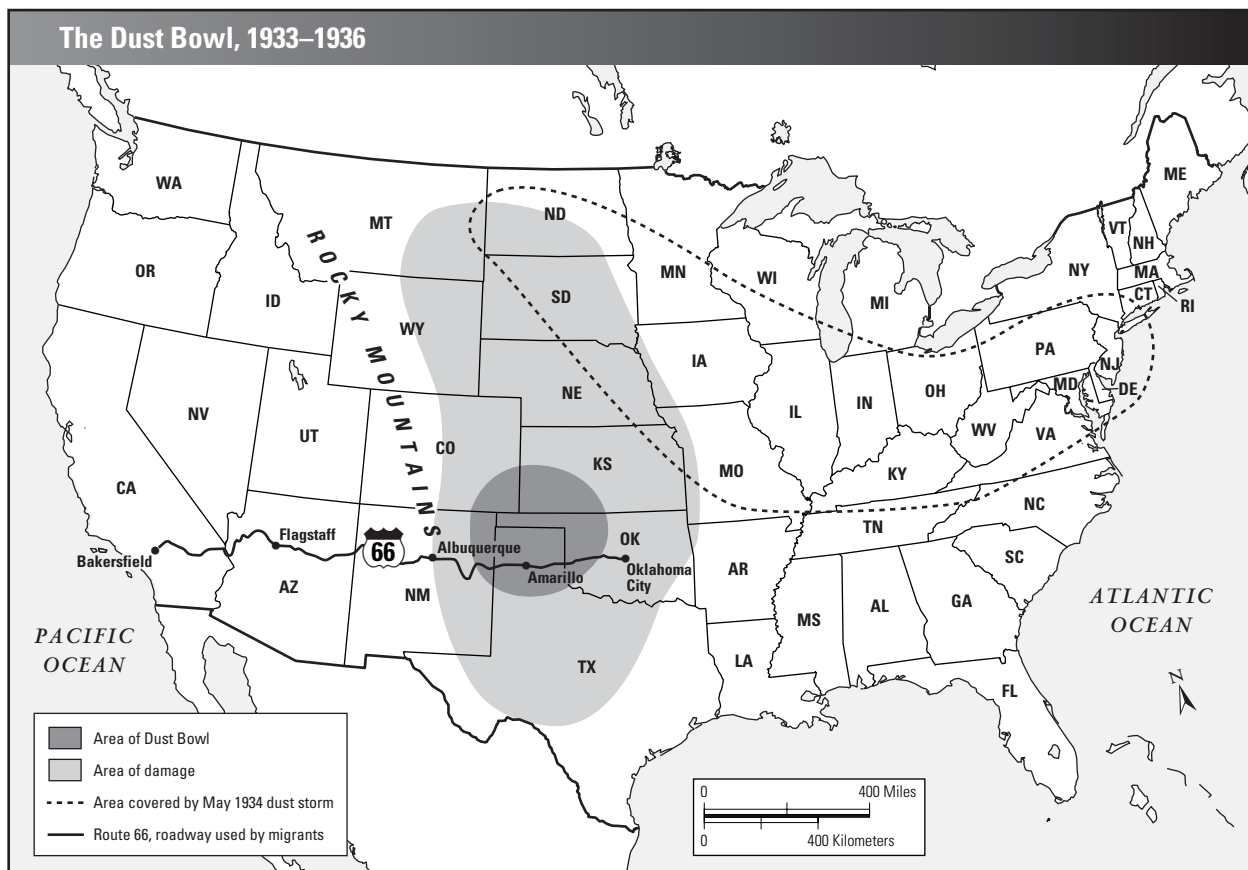
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of the following increased in the 1920s?  
a. farmers' debts  
b. prices for farm products  
c. foreign demand for U.S. farm products  
d. domestic demand for U.S. farm products
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which was **not** a cause of the Great Depression?  
a. tariffs on foreign goods  
b. the availability of easy credit  
c. a growing number of homeless people  
d. a crisis in the farm sector
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which was **not** a cause of the Dust Bowl?  
a. drought  
b. high winds  
c. thick layers of prairie grasses  
d. overproduction of crops
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. After the stock market crash, how did President Hoover try to help the economy?  
a. by closing banks  
b. by lowering foreign tariffs  
c. by funding handouts of food and clothing  
d. by asking businesses not to lay off employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Who made up the Bonus Army that marched on Washington?  
a. World War I veterans and their families  
b. farmers forced off their land by dust storms  
c. unemployed industrial workers and their families  
d. business and labor leaders who agreed to work together
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which candidates ran for president in 1932?  
a. Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover  
b. Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt  
c. Herbert Hoover and Alfred E. Smith  
d. Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What does buying a stock on margin mean?  
a. purchasing the stock outside the regular stock exchange  
b. buying the stock for someone else  
c. paying less than the market price of the stock  
d. borrowing money to help pay for the stock
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following was **not** an effect of the Great Depression?  
a. Many children had a poor diet.  
b. Many families became homeless.  
c. Many men became unemployed.  
d. Many people started farming.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What name was given to the men and boys who rode the rails as they searched for work?
- a. Bonus Marchers                      c. hoboes  
b. speculators                            d. Okies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which of the following describes a government system for giving payments or food to the poor?
- a. rugged individualism                      c. Bonus Army  
b. direct relief                                d. price support

## Part 2: Map Skills

Use the map to complete this section. Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. How many states were part of the Dust Bowl?
- a. 5 states                                      c. 20 states  
b. 10 states                                    d. 25 states
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of the following states suffered the most damage during the Dust Bowl period?
- a. North Dakota                                c. Kansas  
b. Minnesota                                    d. Missouri





Form B

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If the statement is true, write “true” on the line. If it is false, change the underlined word or words to make it true. (4 points each)

*Example:* The first president of the United States was George Washington.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *true* \_\_\_\_\_

*Example:* President John F. Kennedy resigned from office following the  
Watergate scandal. \_\_\_\_\_ *Richard Nixon* \_\_\_\_\_

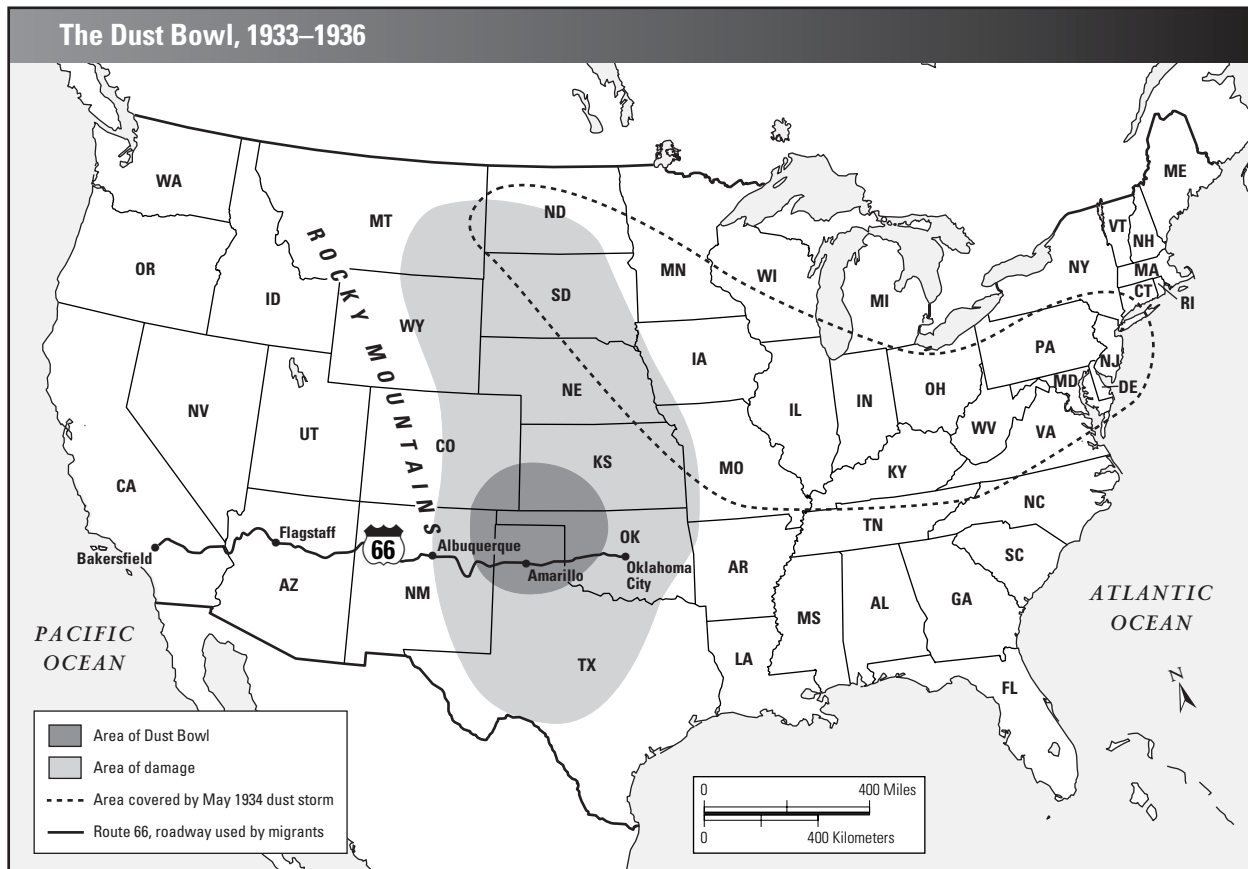
1. Black Tuesday was the day that President Hoover forced the Bonus Army to disband. \_\_\_\_\_
2. An unintended effect of the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act was a substantial decrease in U.S. exports. \_\_\_\_\_
3. American industries first began to show signs of economic trouble after 1929. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The main purpose of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was to give emergency help to farmers. \_\_\_\_\_
5. During the Depression, charitable organizations tried to help the urban poor by opening soup kitchens. \_\_\_\_\_
6. President Herbert Hoover supported direct relief. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The farmers and sharecroppers who left the Dust Bowl to find work in the west were known as hoboes. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The stock market crash of 1929 was fueled by price supports, unwise investments that people hoped would make them rich overnight. \_\_\_\_\_
9. During the Depression, many children suffered from diet-related diseases.  
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10. One indicator of a weak economy in the 1920s was a decline in housing starts.
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## Part 2: Map Skills

Use the map to complete this section. Write the letter of the best answer. (2 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The Dust Bowl included which state?
- a. South Dakota                      c. Arkansas  
b. Kansas                              d. Wyoming
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What city in California probably received a large number of Dust Bowl migrants?
- a. Flagstaff                              c. Bakersfield  
b. Amarillo                              d. Albuquerque
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. From north to south, what was the length of the area of damage during the Dust Bowl period?
- a. about 1,100 miles                      c. about 300 miles  
b. about 600 miles                      d. about 100 miles





Form C

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Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Buying stocks on the chance of a quick profit without considering risks is known as  
a. buying on margin. c. profit-taking.  
b. speculation. d. living on credit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In calling shantytowns “Hoovervilles,” people conveyed their  
a. patriotism. c. disgust with Hoover.  
b. trust in Hoover. d. grudging respect for Hoover.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The aim of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act was to  
a. encourage new construction.  
b. increase the value of homes and farms.  
c. make it easier for banks to foreclose on farms and homes.  
d. prevent farmers and homeowners from losing their property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. An example of the psychological stress caused by the Great Depression was the rise in the number of  
a. children who were malnourished.  
b. people who committed suicide.  
c. women who worked outside the home.  
d. men who stood in bread lines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Herbert Hoover’s approach to the Depression economy was based on a belief in  
a. voluntary cooperation. c. the golden rule.  
b. separation of church and state. d. direct government relief.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. During the Great Depression, the overall unemployment rate was about  
a. 100 percent. c. 25 percent.  
b. 75 percent. d. 10 percent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. One long-range effect of the Great Depression was that many people  
a. grew to like President Hoover.  
b. became risk takers in the stock market.  
c. developed habits of saving and thriftiness.  
d. came to believe in small government.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Within a few years, the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act led to
- a dramatic drop in world trade.
  - Hoover's reelection as president.
  - more demand for American manufactured goods.
  - an unequal distribution of income in the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. All of the following were important causes of the Great Depression **except**
- both individuals and businesses built up large debts because of easy credit.
  - tariffs on foreign imports were lowered.
  - the federal government did not insure people's bank accounts.
  - the stock market crashed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Causes of the farming crisis of the 1920s included the fact that
- demand for crops fell after World War I.
  - most people did not own electric refrigerators.
  - the Dust Bowl took much land out of production.
  - federal price-supports of corn and wheat were not effective.

## Part 2: Map Skills

Use the map and information from Chapter 14 to answer the questions on page 279 in complete sentences. You may use the back of this paper or a separate sheet. (4 points each)

