

The Great Depression – WebQuest

DIRECTIONS – Complete the following questions about the Great Depressions using the History.com website using this link: <http://www.history.com/topics/great-depression> . There, you will see several articles, about the Great Depression. You may read as many as you choose, but most of your answer will be found in the articles titled “Great Depression History,” “Hooverilles,” and “Bank Run.” And remember, it’s called a “quest,” which means you have to look far and wide for your answers as you go on an adventure 😊



1. During what years did the Great Depression occur?
2. What name was given to the years leading up to the Great Depression? Describe what was happening during this time.
3. On October 24, 1929, a record 12.9 million shares of stock were traded on a day that became better known as “_____.”
4. Five days later, on “_____,” another 16 million shares were traded after another wave of panic swept Wall Street.
5. Explain what happened “in the wake of” (after) the stock market crash of 1929.

6. Who was President of the United States in the early years of the Great Depression?

7. How many Americans could not find work in 1930? 1931?

8. _____ became more and more common in America's towns and cities.

9. Farmers (who had been struggling with their own economic depression for much of the 20s due to drought and falling prices) couldn't afford to _____.

10. What began occurring in the United States in 1930? Where in the United States did it begin?

11. Describe a "bank run" or a "run on the bank."

12. How did President Hoover try to help banks during the crisis?

13. What happened to millions of American families as the Depression worsened?

14. Who first coined (created) the term "Hoovervilles?" When did the term first appear?

15. Describe the average Hooverville.

16. Explain some of the problems and issues associated with Hoovervilles.

17. Identify and explain other things named after President Hoover.
18. Summarize the events surrounding the "Bonus Army." Who were they and what did they do?
19. How did Roosevelt's election in 1932 essentially put an end to bank runs in the United States?
20. What did Roosevelt say to the nation to help calm their fears?
21. Why is 1933 generally regarded as the worst year of the Great Depression?
22. Describe the similarities between the Great Depression and America's housing and economic crisis that began in 2008.
23. Roosevelt began addressing the American public directly over the radio in a series of talks, and these so-called "_____ " went a long way towards restoring public confidence.
24. Summarize other steps taken by Roosevelt during the first 100 days of his administration.