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The Great Depression & the 1930s Study Guide- Answer Key

The Great Depression:

1. What were the causes of the Great Depression?
 - A severe drought caused many farmers' crops to fail.
 - Few people were spending money due to unemployment.
 - The stock market lost eighty percent of its value over a few years.
2. What happened as a result of the Great Depression?
 - High levels of unemployment
3. How did the Great Depression affect banks?
 - Many Americans withdrew their savings from banks which caused the banks to go out of business.

Stock Market Crash:

4. What and when was Black Tuesday?
 - Oct. 29, 1929
 - The stock market collapsed and caused many Americans to lose their savings.
5. How did the Stock Market Crash lead to unemployment?
 - The Stock Market Crash led businesses to go bankrupt and not be able to keep their employees.
6. How did the Stock Market Crash cause so many people to go bankrupt?
 - The savings they had were in stocks that lost their value

Soup Kitchens:

7. Why were soup kitchens necessary?
 - Many people were hit so hard by the Great Depression that they could not afford food.
 - To provide meals for unemployed people who lost their savings in the Great Depression.

The Dust Bowl:

8. What caused the Dust Bowl?
 - The Dust Bowl was caused by a drought coupled with poor farming techniques and overgrazing cattle.
9. Where did the Dust Bowl happen?
 - Midwest- Ex. Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas

The New Deal:

10. What was the New Deal?
 - Government programs designed to ease economic hardship
11. What was the main effect of the New Deal programs?
 - It provided jobs to millions of Americans.
12. What was the purpose and impact of the Civilian Conservation Corps?
 - It inspired many Americans to have a new appreciation of the outdoors and the nation's natural resources.
13. What were the purposes of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act?
 - To bring electricity to Tennessee Valley
 - To control flooding in the Tennessee Valley
 - To reduce soil erosion in the Tennessee Valley
14. What was the purpose of the Works Progress Administration?
 - The program provides financial support for public arts projects.
15. How are the CCC and WPA similar?
 - Both engaged in public works programs designed to provide jobs for unemployed Americans.

Herbert Hoover-

16. How did Americans feel about Hoover during the Great Depression? Why?
 - They were angry because they felt as though the federal government did not do enough to help those who were struggling.

Franklin D. Roosevelt-

17. Why did FDR support the New Deal?
 - Millions of Americans were out of work and living in poverty.
18. How did FDR's election cause US citizens to feel?
 - It gave them hope that the United States would recover from the Great Depression

Duke Ellington-

19. How did he change American society?
 - by introducing many people to African American culture through music and radio
20. What kind of music did he play and where did he play it?
 - He was a great jazz musician during the 1930s. He played the piano, composed songs, and led a band. His band often played at the Cotton Club in Harlem.

Jesse Owens-

21. What is Jesse Owens known for?

- He was an African American track star who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics.

22. How did his success prove Hitler's ideas wrong?

- It proved that Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party's racist ideas were wrong because Hitler believed that the German's performance in the Olympics would surpass all others.

Margaret Mitchell-

23. What was her book, *Gone with the Wind*, about?

- Life in the American South during the Civil War

24. Why was its success so surprising?

- The novel was released during the Great Depression when Americans had little money to spend

Banking:

25. Of the four main sectors of the US economy, which provides checking accounts, savings accounts, and loans?

- Banks

26. Why do banks loan out money?

- Banks earn a profit by charging interest on the loans.