



The Dust Bowl Quiz

Directions: Read pages 12–14 about the Dust Bowl. Answer each question below by circling the correct answer.

- From 1931 to 1937 the Great Plains experienced
 - snowstorms
 - floods
 - drought
 - earthquakes
- Which word means a long period with no rain?
 - blizzard
 - drought
 - bumper
 - erosion
- What were black blizzards?
 - dust storms
 - hail storms
 - snowstorms
 - thunderstorms
- In which state did migrants from the Dust Bowl sometimes get work picking crops on large farms?
 - Texas
 - California
 - Oklahoma
 - Idaho
- What are *jalopies*?
 - migrant workers
 - hand carts
 - broken-down cars or trucks
 - horse-drawn wagons
- How many people from the Great Plains left during the Dust Bowl years?
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ million
 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ million
 - 1 million
 - 9,000
- How did the dust storms affect people and animals?
 - smothered them
 - killed the insects
 - made them sick
 - both a and c
- What destroyed crops besides dust storms?
 - cows
 - thunderstorms
 - grasshoppers
 - lightning
- Why was wheat bad for the soil?
 - it grew too tall
 - it did not hold the topsoil
 - it did not need rain
 - it was used to make bread
- Which was not a problem found in migrant camps?
 - too much food
 - contagious diseases
 - polluted water
 - insects