American History
Unit 17 - The Great Depression
Test

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1. A makeshift homeless shelter during the early years of the Great Depression: _________________.
2. October 29, 1929, the day on which the Great Crash of the stock market began: _________________.
3. Constitutional amendment ratified (approved) in 1933 to repeal Prohibition: _________________.
4. Measure of average of stock prices of major industries: _________________.
5. A group of World War I veterans and their families who protested in Washington D.C., in 1932, demanding immediate payment of a pension bonus that had been promised for 1945: _________________.
6. The central and southern Great Plains in the 1930s when the region sustained a period of drought and dust storms: _________________.
7. The highest import tax in history passed by Congress in 1930: _________________.
8. The collapse of the American stock market in 1929: _________________.
9. Farm auctions during the Great Depression at which neighbors saved each other’s property from foreclosure by bidding low: _________________.
10. Corporation set up by President Hoover in 1932 to give government credit to a number of institutions, such as large industries, railroads, and insurance company: _________________.
11. Periods in which a nation’s economy grows, then contracts: _________________.
12. The most severe economic downturn in the nation’s history, which lasted from 1929 to 1941: _________________.
13. Term used to describe President Franklin Roosevelt’s relief, recovery, and reform programs designed to combat the Great Depression: _________________.
14. A leader who manipulates people with half-truths, deceptive promises, and scare tactics: _________________.

Multiple Choice (2 pts. Each)

1. What two main factors caused the Dust Bowl?
   a. Severe drought and hunger.
   b. Severe drought and farming practices that removed protective prairie grasses.
   c. Flooding and farming practices that removed protective prairie grasses.
   d. Poor farming techniques and too much rain.
2. Why should a manufacturer go along with the installment plan?
   a. They didn’t have to produce as much this way.
   b. They were able to charge higher prices this way.
   c. Because of the basic reality of supply and demand.
   d. To throw supply and demand out of balance.

3. Why did young people find it especially hard to find work during the Great Depression?
   a. Their parents wouldn’t allow them to work.
   b. They were picky about which jobs they would perform.
   c. Employers didn’t trust the younger worker.
   d. They didn’t have as much experience as older workers.

4. The term “Wall Street” means:
   a. Common name for the New York financial district located in the lower portion of Manhattan.
   b. The name of an actual street in New York City.
   c. Where the New York and American stock exchanges are headquartered.
   d. All of the above.

5. Which state did most Americans flock to during the Great Depression?
   a. New York
   b. California
   c. Washington
   d. Kansas

6. On October 23 and 24 of 1929, the Dow Jones Average
   a. rose rapidly.
   b. split into two.
   c. did not matter anymore.
   d. quickly plummeted (fell).

7. What contributed to diseases for the teenagers who rode the rails?
   a. Always being surrounded by speeding trains.
   b. No medicine in their knapsacks and no protection.
   c. Being around animals and eating too much cabbage.
   d. Exposure to the elements (cold wind and hot sun) and lack of cleanliness.

8. The biggest danger associated with “riding the rails” included
   a. being run over by a speeding train.
   b. being bit by a rattle snake.
   c. being chased by the police.
   d. having your money and/or things stolen.

9. President Herbert Hoover did not support federal public assistance because
   a. he didn’t believe that people really needed assistance.
   b. he felt it would hurt business owners and industry.
   c. it would destroy bureaucracy completely.
   d. he felt it would destroy people’s self-respect.

10. When someone buys stock “on margin” they are
    a. paying only a portion of the price immediately in cash.
    b. paying only a portion of the price with credit.
    c. taking a massive financial risk.
    d. abusing the American Stock Exchange system.

11. During which years did the Great Depression begin and end?
    a. 1932 and 1945.
    b. 1920 and 1933.
    c. 1929 and 1935.
    d. 1929 and 1941.
12. A “Bennett buggie” was
   a. a luxurious automobile of the 1920’s.
   b. a horse-drawn automobile with the engine ripped out, because its owner could not afford gasoline.
   c. an automobile with the engine ripped out, because it was a popular fad.
   d. the nickname for a train during the Great Depression.

13. How did Franklin D. Roosevelt help the roaming teenagers who were “riding the rails”?
   a. He sent them to the army.
   b. He put them in jail where at least they had shelter and a daily meal.
   c. He sent them to the Peace Corps where they could make a difference in someone else’s life.
   d. He created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) where they could work and earn money.

14. FDR’s wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, was an experienced
   a. public speaker.
   b. social reformer.
   c. social worker.
   d. none of the above.

15. Discrimination increased during the Great Depression because
   a. Lynching decreased.
   b. Competition for jobs produced a rise in hostilities against African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans.
   c. The general public felt that African Americans were responsible for the Great Depression.
   d. There were not enough police officers around to control or prevent it.

16. At the height of the Great Depression _______ teenagers were roaming the country as hoboies.
   a. 250,000
   b. 200,000
   c. 3 billion
   d. 50,000

17. To make the idea of buying on credit appetizing to the average American, clever businessmen came up with the idea of
   a. buying “on margin”.
   b. paying with cash only.
   c. the installment plan.
   d. “no interest for six months”

18. What was Herbert Hoover’s campaign slogan when he ran for President in 1928?
   a. “A chicken in every belly and a car in every driveway”
   b. “A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage”
   c. “I’ll keep the good times rolling!”
   d. “Food on the table and pride in every heart”

19. Overall losses on Black Tuesday totaled about
   a. $300 billion.
   b. $3 billion.
   c. $300,000
   d. $30 billion.

20. As governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt had set up ________ for the people during the Great Depression.
   a. Free public education and the CCC camps.
   b. An unemployment commission and soup kitchens.
   c. An unemployment commission and a relief agency.
   d. Government jobs.
Short Answer

1. List at least three reasons why teenagers left home during the Great Depression: (3 pts.)
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

2. What are two reasons that California still had jobs for people? (2 pts.)
   a. 
   b. 

3. How did the decade of the 1920’s actually help to cause the Great Depression? (5 pts.)

4. What was the theory behind the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that President Herbert Hoover created? (5 pts.)

5. What are three things that happened during the Great Depression that symbolized the end of the 1920’s era? (3 pts.)
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

Essay. Choose two of the following four essay questions to write on. Answers must be in complete sentences and at least 250 words long to receive full credit. Remember that a good essay answer includes an introduction, several main points and a conclusion! (14 pts. each)

1. Describe the election of 1932. List two things that Herbert Hoover believed and two things that Franklin D. Roosevelt believed. Who won?

2. What were the effects of the Great Crash of 1929 on the United States AND the world?

3. List and describe the different ways in which poverty during the Great Depression strained society:

4. Explain the reasons for the Wall Street boom (sudden growth) in the late 1920s:
   (Note: If you correctly answer more than two essay questions, you will receive 5 bonus points for each one.)