The Dust Bowl Quiz

Part 1 – Fill-in-the-Blank: Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank

Drought | Great Plains | dust storms | farmers | soil | Depression | Migration | Oklahoma | Erosion | crops

1. The Dust Bowl took place mainly in the _____ region of the United States.
2. A long period without rain is called a _____.
3. Strong winds created massive _____ during the Dust Bowl.
4. Many _____ lost their homes and farms.
5. Poor farming methods caused the top _____ to become loose.
6. The Dust Bowl happened during the Great _____.
7. Many families were forced to move west in search of work, leading to _____.
8. _____ was one of the states hardest hit by the Dust Bowl.
9. Wind _____ carried away valuable farmland.
10. Many _____ failed because of dry conditions and blowing dust.

Part 2 – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What was the Dust Bowl?
   a. A famous baseball stadium
   b. A period of severe dust storms and drought
   c. A new farming invention
   d. A mining disaster
2. Which decade did the Dust Bowl mainly occur?
   a. 1880s
   b. 1920s
   c. 1930s
   d. 1950s
3. What region was most affected by the Dust Bowl?
   a. New England
   b. Great Plains
   c. Pacific Northwest
   d. Southeast
4. What helped to cause the Dust Bowl?
   a. Flooding
   b. Hurricanes
   c. Drought
   d. Earthquakes

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5. What human activity worsened the Dust Bowl?
   a. Over farming the land
   b. Building railroads
   c. Mining for gold
   d. Fishing

6. Many families left the Great Plains and moved to:
   a. Alaska
   b. California
   c. Hawaii
   d. Florida

7. What happened to much of the farmland during the Dust Bowl?
   a. It became flooded
   b. It was covered in snow
   c. The topsoil blew away
   d. It turned into forests

8. What nickname was given to the severe dust storms?
   a. Black Blizzards
   b. Silver Storms
   c. Red Hurricanes
   d. Dust Waves

9. The Dust Bowl occurred during which major economic crisis?
   a. Industrial Revolution
   b. Great Depression
   c. Progressive Era
   d. Gilded Age

10. What was one result of the Dust Bowl?
   a. Increased factory production
   b. Large migration of farming families
   c. Higher crop production
   d. More rainfall in the Plains

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