1929 – 1939

Great Depression Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What happened on Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929?

- (A) Thousands of banks were closed for four days by the president
- (B) The stock market collapsed, wiping out billions in wealth
- (C) Congress passed a law creating the Social Security system
- (D) Dust storms swept the Great Plains, destroying many farms

2. What were Hoovervilles?

- (A) Shantytowns built by jobless Americans, named after President Hoover
- (B) Dams and power plants built in the West, named after President Hoover
- (C) Work camps for young men, run by the Civilian Conservation Corps
- (D) Model farm towns built by the government for Dust Bowl families

3. What was the Dust Bowl?

- (A) A government program that paid Great Plains farmers to plant trees
- (B) A crash in wheat prices that closed the grain markets in Chicago
- (C) A wave of bank failures that wiped out the savings of farm families
- (D) A severe drought that turned Great Plains farms into dusty wastelands

4. What was the New Deal?

- (A) Roosevelt's plan to build up the army and navy for World War II
- (B) Congress's law that closed the stock market for four years
- (C) Roosevelt's program of relief, recovery, and financial reform
- (D) Hoover's plan to raise tariffs and protect American industry

5. What did the FDIC do?

(A) Insured Americans' bank deposits against bank failures
(B) Paid monthly retirement benefits to older Americans
(C) Hired unemployed Americans to build roads, parks, and bridges
(D) Set rules for buying and selling stocks on Wall Street

6. What did the Social Security Act of 1935 create?

(A) A program of jobs building roads, parks, and schools
(B) A system of government insurance for bank deposits
(C) A system of retirement and unemployment benefits
(D) An agency to regulate the stock market and its traders

7. Why did the Smoot-Hawley Tariff make the Depression worse?

(A) Other countries flooded America with cheap goods, closing factories
(B) Other countries stopped lending money to failing American banks
(C) Other countries bought up American farms hit by the Dust Bowl
(D) Other countries struck back with tariffs, choking off world trade

8. What finally ended the Great Depression?

(A) A stock market boom that began in the early 1930s
(B) Massive government spending to prepare for World War II
(C) Higher tariffs on imports under the Smoot-Hawley law
(D) Large tax cuts passed by Congress under President Hoover

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