1929 – 1939

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Great Depression timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **The Dust Bowl Begins**
Severe drought turns the Great Plains into a wasteland of blinding dust storms, destroying farms and forcing families to abandon their land.

☐ **Franklin Roosevelt Elected**
Franklin D. Roosevelt wins the presidential election in a landslide, promising Americans a New Deal.

☐ **Bank Failures Spread**
Thousands of American banks fail as desperate customers try to withdraw their savings all at once.

☐ **The Stock Market Crash**
On October 29 — Black Tuesday — the US stock market collapses, wiping out billions of dollars of wealth in a single day.

☐ **Bank Holiday and the FDIC**
Roosevelt closes all banks for four days to stop the panic, then signs a law creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

☐ **The New Deal Begins**
President Roosevelt launches a sweeping program of government relief, economic recovery, and financial reform in his first hundred days in office.

☐ **Smoot-Hawley Tariff**
Congress raises tariffs on imported goods to protect American industry.

☐ **War Ends the Depression**
As the United States begins preparing for World War II, massive government defense spending sends unemployment plummeting.

☐ **Social Security Act**
Congress creates a national system of retirement benefits for older workers and assistance for the unemployed and disabled.

☐ **Hoovervilles**
Unemployed Americans build makeshift shantytowns of cardboard and scrap wood on the edges of cities, mockingly named Hoovervilles after President Herbert Hoover.

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