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Dust Bowl Webquest

Visit the website: <http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/water_02.html> and answer the following questions.

1) When did the Dust Bowl get its name?

2) By 1934, how much farmland topsoil had been lost?

3) According to Herman Goertzen, how did the dust storm impact the chickens?

4) According to Stan Jensen, how did people try to keep dust out? Why did they sleep outside?

5) How much did Harvey Pickrel pay for the Go-Dig, and what was the catch?

**No Water, No Crops**

6) How many of inches of rain does Nebraska normally get per year?

7) In 1930, how many bushels of corn did the average farmer grow per acre?

8) In 1934, how many inches of rain did Nebraska get?

How many bushels did they get that year?

9) What does Helen Bolton have to say about the corn on her family’s farm?

10) According to Birdie Farr, what did the farmers do with their cattle after the fields went dry?

**Calling Off School**

11) Why was school called off?

12) What did Taleta Elfeldt have to do so she could breath on her way back from the schoolhouse?

13) Why did Don McGinley’s mother light holy candles?

**Red Dust**

14) Why was the dust red, and where did it come from?

**Okies**

15) How many pounds of cotton did Florence Thompson have to pick to earn 50 cents?

**Riding the Rails**

16) Why did Walter Ballard enjoy his time as a hobo?

17) What did Warner Bros. Studio do to try to scare young people away from riding the rails?

**Hitchhiking**

18) How was hitchhiking better than riding the rails?

19) What did Delbert Apetz learn about the number of boys likely to be picked up?