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**Misery and Despair Grip American Cities**

1. What were the bread lines?

**People lined up for handouts from charity or government agencies**

2. What were Hoovervilles?

**Makeshift shantytowns of tents and shacks**

**Poverty Devastates Rural America**

3. What happened to crop prices during the depression?

**Prices fell even lower than they had been before!**

4. What is a tenant farmer?

**Farmers working for bigger landowners rather than themselves**

5. List the factors that caused the Dust Bowl.

**- Droughts (no rain)**

**- Intensive farming → loose topsoil**

**- High winds**

6. Who were the Okies?

**Dust Bowl refugees who migrated out of the region**

**Few Americans Escape Hard Times**

7. What happened to birth rates during the Depression?

**Birth rates fell sharply!**

8. In what ways did the Depression affect families?

**- Men were ashamed they could no longer provide...some abandoned**

**their families!**

- **Men who had jobs might feel guilty**

**- Mothers tried to stretch few resources**

**- Some children quit school and/or ran away from home**

9. In what ways were minorities affected by the Depression?

**- Last to be hired, first to be fired**

**- Discrimination made it even harder to find work**

**- Unemployment for African Americas was around 50%!!**

**- Mexican Americans faced repatriation: whites tried to force them to**

**return to Mexico**

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