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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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