

The Dust Bowl – Nature Strikes Back

- 1) When was the great stock market crash, and what did that day become known as?
- 2) How much did crop prices drop?
- 3) Things for farmers became incredibly good and incredibly bad – what was the great positive thing that happened, and why did it turn so bad?
- 4) When was the great dust storm?
- 5) What was even more damaging than the dust storm?
- 6) There's an old quote that you've probably heard, which is incorrectly attributed to Albert Einstein, "The definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over and expecting different results." How are farmers living this version of insanity? Explain.
- 7) The Foresters, and in particular Harry Forester, started off with a promising future and big plans. What happened to them when things went bad?
- 8) When things were going bad, what were farmers thinking? Why do you think that is?
- 9) There's a shocking statistic about the state of Mississippi mentioned. What happened in 1 day?
- 10) Who did people blame for the problems going on? Who did they hope could turn things around?
- 11) How many of these dust storms happened in 1932?
- 12) How many in 1933?
- 13) How long did one especially bad storm last?
- 14) What animal became a big pest and a problem? What did people do about it?