

“Everything Turned to Dust” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “Everything Turned to Dust” in the October 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then, fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. In what part of the country did the Dust Bowl mainly take place?

- a. the East Coast
- b. California
- c. the Northwest
- d. the Great Plains

2. What does the word “parched” mean in the sentence “Record-breaking heat and relentless drought had parched the crops and baked the fields into powder”?

- a. nurtured
- b. dried
- c. buried
- d. grown

3. Which word best describes how many people felt during the Dust Bowl?

- a. hopeful
- b. careless
- c. desparate
- d. determined

4. According to the article, nomadic Indians got all of the following from buffalo EXCEPT

- a. food
- b. leather
- c. jewelry
- d. tools

5. What did the ranchers do when they FIRST settled on the prairie?

- a. forced Indians to move to reservations
- b. hunted buffalo
- c. put up fences
- d. all of the above

6. What happened at first when farmers settled and planted crops?

- a. They started to make more and more money.
- b. They failed right away.
- c. They got frustrated and went back East.
- d. Their crops took years to grow.

7. How did the 1930s differ from the 1920s?

- a. People became richer.
- b. The Great Depression occurred.
- c. The price of crops rose.
- d. Farmers ripped up more land.

8. What was the effect of ripping up the grass to plant crops?

- a. The land became too soft.
- b. The animals ate the crops instead of grass.
- c. When the drought came, the soil turned to dust.
- d. The crops needed grass to grow.

9. The author uses vivid details to describe the dust storm that Lisa and her father experienced. Which of the following is an example?

- a. Lisa’s father hadn’t bothered to plant corn.
- b. Flying sand and pebbles bit into Lisa’s skin and burned her eyes.
- c. Their kitchen garden and their cow provided them with most of their day-to-day needs.
- d. Month after month, the sun blazed down

10. Why does the author compare the Dust Bowl to global warming?

- a. They are both a result of humans changing nature.
- b. They both involve wind.
- c. They both happened in the same region.
- d. They were both caused by the sun.