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**Surviving the Dust Bowl Video Questions**

**Directions:** This video is available online at the following link:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/dustbowl/player/>

Alternately, you can just Google the video and you can navigate to it on pbs.org’s website.

1. The Dust Storms of the 1930s were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. The soil of the Southern Plains was so rich it looked like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where the plow had turned the sod.

3. Settlers didn’t realize they were witnessing a brief moment in an endless cycle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. With a team of horses, a farmer could turn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acres of prairie sod in a day. With a tractor, he

could plow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acres.

5. The rain stopped in the summer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. It takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build an inch of topsoil.

7. How many dust storms were there in 1933? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Residents believed they could pinpoint a storm’s origins by the color of the dust.

If it was black, it came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If it was red it came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

If it was gray, it came from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. After two days of dust storms, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had killed all the wheat.

10. In 1935, the land began to be destroyed by a new kind of plague:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. April 14, 1935 was the worst day of them all. It was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. An epidemic raged through the plains, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. In the space below, write a diary entry or letter from one of the following points of view: a farmer who is a member of the “Last Man Club,” a mother caring for a child sick with dust pneumonia, or a healthy child watching the adults cope with the disaster.