**THE GREAT DEPRESSION WEBQUEST (DOROTHY LANGE)**

**Webquest Directions:**  
Use the links provided to answer the following questions on a sheet of notebook paper.

**Part One:Causes of the Depression**  
[**http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/timeline/rails-timeline/**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/timeline/rails-timeline/)  
1) When did the Great Depression begin? What event sparked it?  
2) Locate November 1930 on the timeline: What did many  Americans do to earn money during the depression?  
3) Locate February and March 1931 on the timeline: What sort of actions were Americans demonstrators taking part in during the Great Depression? Why?  
4) Find on the timeline when FDR was elected President of the United States. Who was FDR’s opponent and why didn’t Americans elect him instead?  
  
**Part Two:Evidence of the Depression**  
**Go to**[**http://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/photos#**](http://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/photos)**and view each picture in the slideshow along with their captions. Then answer the following questions:**  
5) Name 4 things people are waiting in line for.  
6) Before the state and federal governments provided assistance, who was providing relief to Americans?  
7) A subsistence level is the bare minimum of basic needs that a family requires to survive. What percentage of American families was living below this level?  
  
**Part Three: The Photography of Dorothea Lange**  
<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/lange/>  
**(You can click on the photos to enlarge them)**

8) Why did Lange take these photos?  
9) Why did so many farm workers move west during the 1930s?  
10) Judging from these photos, what challenges did these migrant workers face? How do you know?

11) Choose one photo and write a 2-paragraph analysis that explains:

               a) the story of the people in the photo (as far as you can tell) and

               b) what we as historians can learn about the Great Depression from this photograph

12) Explain the irony of the photograph on the screen. Why do you think this has become one of the most iconic images of the Great Depression?