


BUILDING VOCABULARY *The Great Depression Begins*
A. Completion Select the term or name that best completes the sentence.

Calvin Coolidge	Dust Bowl	Federal Home Loan Bank Act
Buying on margin	Herbert Hoover	price-supports
Great Depression	Alfred E. Smith	Reconstruction Finance Corporation

1. In an attempt to help ease farmers' financial woes, the government began a policy of _____, or buying surplus crops and selling them abroad.
2. The period from 1929 to 1940, in which the nation suffered from a continuous and deep economic crisis, was known as the _____.
3. Accompanying the economic depression of the 1930s were years of drought that earned the Great Plains the name _____.
4. The cautious steps taken by President _____ in addressing the Great Depression roused anger among many Americans.
5. President Hoover's most ambitious economic measure, the _____, authorized up to \$2 billion for banks and other businesses.

B. Evaluating Write *T* in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write *F* in the blank and then write the corrected statement on the line below.

- _____ 1. The day in October 1929 that the stock market crashed became known as Black Tuesday.

- _____ 2. Hoping to increase the flow of goods into the country, Congress in 1930 passed the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act, which established the lowest tariffs in the nation's history.

- _____ 3. Direct relief was cash payments or food provided by the government to the poor.

- _____ 4. Many investors in the late 1920s began buying on margin, or purchasing stocks and bonds on the chance of a quick profit, while ignoring the risks.

- _____ 5. The group of World War I veterans who marched on Washington, D.C. to demand immediate payment of their war bonuses was known as the Rough Riders.

C. Writing Write a paragraph about daily life during the Great Depression using the following terms.

shantytowns

soup kitchens

bread lines