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Surviving the Storm: Life during the Great Depression

Short Answer Key

1. People planted victory gardens and bartered to save money and ensure a stable food supply during the Great Depression.
2. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) contributed to American culture and infrastructure by providing employment to artists, writers, and laborers. They created public murals, national parks, and other projects.
3. "Hoovervilles" were shantytowns that sprang up during the Great Depression, named after President Herbert Hoover. They were built by people who had lost their homes and jobs.
4. Woody Guthrie's music captured the struggles and hopes of the era, reflecting the experiences of ordinary people. His songs became anthems of the Great Depression.
5. The Great Depression set the stage for social and economic reforms by highlighting the need for government intervention and regulation. It led to programs like Social Security and the New Deal.

