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The Great Depression: Understanding Its Causes

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What event is often considered the spark that ignited the Great Depression?
 - a) The Dust Bowl
 - b) World War I
 - c) The stock market crash of 1929
 - d) Bank failures

2. On what date did the stock market crash, leading to a financial crisis?
 - a) October 29, 1930
 - b) October 29, 1939
 - c) October 29, 1929
 - d) October 29, 1945

3. What is the term for the ecological disaster in the Southern Plains that led to crop failures and forced migrations?
 - a) Hurricane Katrina
 - b) The Great Famine
 - c) The Dust Bowl
 - d) The Cold War

4. Which government policy imposed high tariffs on imported goods and is believed to have worsened the economic crisis?
 - a) The New Deal
 - b) The Social Security Act
 - c) The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act
 - d) The Civil Rights Act

5. How did bank failures contribute to the Great Depression?
 - a) They encouraged more people to invest in the stock market.
 - b) They increased public confidence in the banking system.
 - c) They led to widespread panic and reduced trust in banks.
 - d) They had no significant impact on the economy.

