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Unfair Wages

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did the Joad family lose their land?
 - A) They sold it to buy a bigger farm.
 - B) They couldn't pay their debts, so the bank took it.
 - C) They decided to move to California for fun.
 - D) They gave their land away to help others.

2. How did big farm owners in California keep wages low?
 - A) They hired too many workers so people would compete for jobs.
 - B) They paid workers extra money for doing a good job.
 - C) They gave every worker their own land.
 - D) They asked the government to pay workers.

3. What was "scrip" and how did it hurt workers?
 - A) A type of money that workers could spend anywhere.
 - B) Coupons that could only be used at farm stores with high prices.
 - C) A special bonus that farm owners gave to workers.
 - D) A free meal ticket for workers and their families.

4. What did Jim Casy try to do for the workers?
 - A) Start a new farm where everyone got fair pay.
 - B) Teach the workers how to grow better crops.
 - C) Help the workers join together and demand better wages.
 - D) Tell the farm owners to fire all the workers.

5. What message does The Grapes of Wrath send about big business and capitalism?
 - A) It helps poor workers get rich quickly.
 - B) It allows all businesses to treat workers fairly.
 - C) It always makes life easier for everyone.
 - D) It sometimes leads to workers being treated unfairly.

