

Research one area that has been affected by a water shortage, and write an informative essay describing how people are responding to this shortage.



The Dust Bowl



The Dust Bowl also known as “the Dirty Thirties” happened from 1930-1940, in western third of Kansas, southeastern Colorado, the Oklahoma Panhandle, the northern two-thirds of the Texas Panhandle, and northeastern New Mexico.

The Dust Bowl occurred because there were a lot of economic and agricultural factors, land policies, changes in weather, farm economics, and other cultural factors. The Dust Bowl started when crops stopped growing, showing the bare, over-plowed farmland.

Without deep-rooted prairie grass, the soil started to blow away. The eroding soil caused giant dust storms and economic devastation, especially in the Southern Plains. All kinds of people fled the Dust Bowl states.

The Dust Bowl had many effects, it killed about 7,000 men, women, and children from dust pneumonia and almost 2.5 million people moved somewhere else. Prices for crops fell below subsistence levels. People had to put nutrition over taste and eat potatoes, canned goods, and drank milk.

Some people ate dandelions or tumbleweed.

The Dust Bowl was very dangerous because of its dust storms which gave dust pneumonia. So if a dust storm also called a sandstorm hits a cow

inside the cow would be sand. If anything like this happens again we need to be ready.

