America: The Story of Us – “Bust”

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. The 1920s were boom time. In 1929, more money was spent on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than education.
2. In an age of consumerism and capitalism over $\_\_\_billion goods are bought on credit
3. \_\_\_% of Americans had no savings.
4. In October 1929, the stock market loses \_\_\_\_\_ times more money in three weeks than the government spends in a year.
5. Only the \_\_\_% of Americans who owned stock were immediately affected by the stock market. The rest of them got on with their lives until the Bank of the U.S collapsed.
6. In the last 60 days of 1930, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(#) of banks closed nationwide. By 1933, there were \_\_\_\_ states without banks.
7. Unemployment in the United States went from \_\_\_ million 1930 to \_\_\_ million in 1932. Every day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ homes are repossessed.
8. Hoover Dam, a public works project, provided employment for \_\_\_\_\_ men. It will provide water and electricity for the American southwest.
9. Hoover Dam creates the largest water reservoir in the U.S., Lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and allows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to produce more food than any other state in the U.S.
10. One side-effect of the Hoover Dam was that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a tiny nearby town of 5,000 boomed as construction workers traveled for parties and gambling. Today over \_\_\_\_\_ million people travel there every year.
11. Describe “The Dust Bowl”.
12. In 1936, U.S. farmers were losing $\_\_\_\_million per day.
13. 250,000 people flee the Dust Bowl; however, \_\_\_\_\_ (fraction) stick it out.
14. How did the radio transform America in the 1930s?
15. Mount Rushmore was built as part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s government program called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Deal.
16. Despite the public works programs, in 1936 1 in \_\_\_ Americans were still unemployed.
17. What event would it take to get the United States out the Great Depression? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
18. In 1936, African-American Joe Lewis would face off against German Max Schmeling for boxing’s heavy weight title. \_\_\_\_ million Americans would listen to the fight on the radio. Joe Lewis was the hope of African-Americas, about \_\_\_\_\_% of which were unemployed.
19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the winner of the 1936 Heavyweight Title.
20. The rematch between Schmeling and Lewis was scheduled for June 22, 1938 at Yankee Stadium in New York. This fight would pit good vs. evil; democracy vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_ million Americans would listen to the fight, 100 million worldwide.
21. Joe Lewis won the rematch in only \_\_\_\_\_\_ seconds. The second quickest heavyweight title fight in history.
22. What was the symbolism of the Lewis/ Schmeling fight?