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Depression-Era Web Scavenger Hunt

Your Task:

This Depression-era web scavenger hunt is designed around the history entrenched in Richard Peck's novel, A Long Way from Chicago. Some of this interesting history is portrayed in the novel, and some of it is left untouched by the author. Your job is to read the questions and fill-in-the-blank statements below and use the web sites provided to find out more about this important and interesting historical period. Remember to respond to non-fill-in-the-blank questions with **COMPLETE SENTENCES**.

Web Site:

<<http://www.myenglishclass.us/chicago/index.html>>

Questions:

1. At the height of the Great Depression, more than _____ teenagers were living on the road in America. Often called hobos, most of these teens traveled the country by sneaking around on trains.
2. Col. Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, had his infant child kidnapped and murdered in the winter of _____. _____, although he never admitted to the kidnapping, was tried for the crime in 1935.
3. The Hindenburg, the largest airship ever built, went down in flames on its trip from Europe to _____, New Jersey on May _____, _____ and killed _____ of the 70 passengers. In a complete sentence, explain why this vessel, this flying hotel, went down in a ball of flames.
4. Little Orphan Annie, the irresistible 11-year-old redhead of radio, was originally a _____ - _____ character and appeared in newspapers around the nation.
5. In at least two complete sentence, explain what the St. Valentine's Day Massacre was. Be sure to use Al "Scarface" Capone, Bugs Moran and North Chicago in your explanation.

6. Fill in the following blanks about John Dillinger, Public Enemy Number One.

In January _____, Dillinger's gang killed East Chicago police officer _____ during a holdup of the First National Bank. Dillinger was placed in the Lake County Jail at Crown Point. He escaped, stole the sheriff's _____ and drove across the Illinois state line to Chicago.

On July _____, _____, 15 FBI agents surrounded the theater Dillinger was in. Once authorities identified Dillinger, the agents closed in. Dillinger pulled a gun and the agents opened fire, killing Dillinger. Just _____ bullets struck Dillinger. The fatal shot passed through the back of his neck and exited just under his right eye. He was shot twice in the chest; one bullet passed through the tip of his heart.

7. The Wabash Blue Bird, the train Joey and Mary Alice took to get to grandma's and back, ran as far East as _____, New York, as far West as Omaha, Iowa, as far North as _____, Michigan, and as far South as _____, Missouri.

8. _____ played Count Dracula in the original movie that grandma, Joey and Mary Alice went to see in the park.

9. In a complete sentence, tell how many Terraplane 8s and 6s were produced in 1933?

10. Come up with three adjectives to describe the Terraplane 8, Joey's first love. Of course, this picture is of a two-door; Joey loved the four-door model.

11. In a complete sentence, tell how many Ford Model As were produced in 1930?

12. Come up with three different adjectives to describe the 1930 Ford Model A Coupe.

- 13.** According to paragraph 6 on this soap-making site, there are really only three main ingredients for making your own soap. What are they?
- 14.** Babe Didrikson, Read the first paragraph on Babe Didrikson. This phenomenal female athlete excelled in just about every sport she played. Jokingly, she said there was one activity she didn't participate in. What was it?
- 15.** In a complete sentence, tell who Babe Didrikson said she was named after and why.
- 16.** Amelia Earhart disappeared July 2, 1937 attempting to do what?
- 17.** Look at the map and name the U.S. city where Earhart's trip began and where it was supposed to end.
- 18.** Jesse Owens, an African-American sprinter, put to shame Hitler's racist messages by winning how many gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Germany? Answer in a complete sentence.
- 19.** Jackson Pollock, a starving artist during the Depression, became famous for his role in what movement / style of painting?
- 20.** What were some common utensils Pollock used to make his abstract art? Answer in a complete sentence.
- 21.** In 1935 Parker Brothers introduced what popular game?

22. Name the 1938 H.G. Wells story that scared a million radio listeners and explain what listeners were so scared of.

23. Eighty percent of the United States population owned radio sets by _____ (year).

24. Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Roosevelt in 1930 recommending the development of what material?

25. This element would eventually lead the development of what weapon of war, used for the first time against Japan in World War II?