

## EXPERT'S MIND MAP

### CAUSES

- Wind erosion
- planting wheat + row crops + raising cows meant that strong grasses couldn't hold the soil in place.
- severe dry spells in 1930s
- soil (clay, silt + sand) was carried far away + moved against houses + barns.

### DESCRIPTION

- The southern part of the great plains
- Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado
- Suffered extensively from wind erosion in 1930s.
- Thousands of families moved west, those who stayed needed money from the government to survive.

### GOVERNMENT OUTCOMES OR RESULTS

- federal and state governments worked to protect the soil and build it back up (conservation and rehabilitation) by:
  - seeding in grass
  - 3 year rotation of wheat + sorghum
  - lying fallow (not planting)
  - contour plowing, terracing, strip planting + shelter belts

Dust Bowl