**Process Grid: The Great Depression**

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| **EVENT** | **Description** | **Causes** | **Government Outcome/Results** |
| **The Dust Bowl** | * southern great plains suffered from wind erosion * families moved west * needed government money to survive | * wind erosion * planting row crops and raising cows didn’t hold soil * severe dry spells * soil (clay, silt and sand) was carried far away | * protected the soil * build soil back up * planted grasses * crop rotation * not planting crops (lying fallow) * contour plowing * terracing * strip planting * tree belts |
| **Soup Kitchens and Bread Lines** | * helped people survive during the great depression * mostly established in large cities * long food lines * thousands a day came to eat | * Banks failed * Companies closed * Unemployed workers * People needed to find food | * New Deal programs * Federal Emergency Relief Act (pay for unemployment) * Works Progress Administration (created jobs) * Social Security Act   + old-age insurance   + help for families with Dependent Children |
| **Black Tuesday** | * stock market crash 10/29/29 * stocks lost billions in one day * panic * no confidence in the market * first part of a long-term financial collapse * unemployment * working people made less money | * speculative “bubble” burst * no consumer confidence in the market * no consumer credit and all of their money went to pay debts * People couldn’t pay debts * banks lost money in investments * banks didn’t have money that people deposited for them to withdraw | * New Deal programs * Securities and Exchange Commission (to regulate stock market) * Federal Deposit Insurance Company (to insure individual accounts) * Banking Act of 1935 to regulate the money supply |
| **The Bonus Army** | * created by Walter Walters * veterans in Portland petitioned the government to pay bonuses immediately * 25,000 moved into the Anacostia Hooverville * Conducted a “Death March” to protest the Bonus Bill not being passed | * expeditionary forces were promised bonus * lost savings and work and wanted their bonuses right away | * First, the House of Representatives passed, but the Senate rejected a Bonus Bill in June, 1932 * Hoover and Congress avoided the demonstrators * Riots * police killed 2 veterans * Hoover had them removed from DC * Economy Act of 1933, cut disability allowances * finally passed lump sum bonus law awarding $ to veterans of WWI |