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Period: _____

American History
Webquest: Researching the 1930s
Mr. Ortopan
The Great Depression

(15 points –Assignment)

Directions: In a google doc, answer the following questions. For each question, write down the website you use for your information.

You will need to use the internet or the World Wide Web to complete this worksheet.

Google Classroom will also help.

Questions: (3 points each)

1. Go to “Bank Run” on Wikipedia. In 3-5 sentences, explain exactly what this is and how long it happened. Then, attach 3 pictures showing what the bank run would have looked like.
2. Why would a bank run cause the bank to ultimately fail?
3. 1930s facts...fill in the blanks.
Population:
Life Expectancy (male/female):
Average salary:
Average cost of a car:
Average cost of house:
Average cost of a gallon of gas:
4. Go to “Pretty Boy Floyd” at Wikipedia. Where did Pretty Boy Floyd get his money? Why might this target have made him a hero among common people instead of an outlaw?
5. It was customary for people in the city of Chicago to go outside and “sweep Kansas off the front porch” because that is how far the Dust Bowl clouds would actually reach. Using a map of the decade, what 6 states constituted the “Dust Bowl?”
6. Watch the first 10 minutes of the video [Stories from the Dust Bowl \(2005\)](#)
7. Then, search “Black Sunday.” In what way did Avis D. Carlson describe the Dust Bowl?
8. Go to “Dust Bowl Pictures” (Google Images) Look at some of the pictures. Why would it be impossible to grow crops (and therefore produce food) in these conditions?
9. Copy and paste in the space provided a photograph from the Great Depression that you feel best represents that time period. Why did you choose that one?
10. Find the photograph “Migrant Mother” by Dorothea Lange. This is a photograph of a mother who is migrating from farm to farm in search of work. It is often recognized as the greatest

photograph in American photographic history. Explain why you think this photograph is so honored.