STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



The Dust Bowl (11.6.3)

Background:

During the 1930's much of the Great Plains was transformed into a dust covered wasteland. This transformation and the rough economic times known as the Great Depression would force a mass migration of people from the region.

Prompt:

What caused the Dust Bowl?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Be certain to cite at least five pieces of evidence from the documents and additional research on the nature of the Dust Bowl.
- Explain how the evidence in these documents and your research led you to this conclusion.