

Answer Key

Mapping the Dust Bowl

Map Questions

1. Describe the difference between physical and cultural geography.

Physical geography deals with the physical environment of the earth, such as wind, precipitation, landforms, climate, etc. Cultural geography deals with man's interaction with his physical environment.

2. List two factors of physical geography that Ropesville farmers had to contend with on their farms.

Possible answers: little precipitation, high winds, extreme heat and cold

3. List two examples of cultural geography that were created on the Ropesville farms.

Possible answers: water conservation, contour plowing of farmland, keeping land planted so it wouldn't blow away

4. There are four natural geographic regions in Texas. Which of these was affected by the Dust Bowl?

High Plains

5. What do we call the natural geographic region of the United States affected by the Dust Bowl?

Great Plains

6. What is a popular name for the area of North Texas affected by the Dust Bowl where the Ropesville Project was located?

The Panhandle

7. Could there ever be another Dust Bowl in Texas? Explain why or why not.

Another Dust Bowl could be created if certain physical conditions (wind, temperature, precipitation, etc.) become extreme and if farmers don't practice good land management (water conservation, contour plowing, not overgrazing, etc.), which might cause the land to dry up and blow away.