

★ Guided Reading Activity 9-2

DIRECTIONS: Outlining Read the section and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The Depression Worsens

- A. In 1932 alone, some _____ companies went out of business, and by 1933 more than _____ banks had failed.
- B. Throughout the country, newly homeless people put up shacks on unused or public land, forming communities called _____.
- C. Blaming the president for their plight, people referred to such places as _____.
- D. From the _____ to _____, America's pastures and wheat fields became a vast "Dust Bowl."
- E. Many families packed their belongings into old cars or trucks and headed _____, hoping for a better life in _____.

II. Escaping the Depression

- A. Despite the hard times, Americans could escape—if only for an hour or two—through _____.
- B. Ordinary citizens might see reflections of themselves in the movies, but more often they saw people who were _____, _____, or _____.
- C. Many European actors, writers, and directors, fleeing _____ and the growing threat of _____, went to Hollywood in the 1920s and 1930s.
- D. In *Gone with the Wind*, audiences found _____ in Scarlett's unassailable will to survive.
- E. Radio melodramas such as "The Guiding Light" were often sponsored by makers of laundry soaps, causing the shows to be nicknamed _____.

III. The Depression in Art

- A. During the Depression, the _____ and _____ became the subject of pictures and stories as artists and writers tried to portray life around them.
- B. The writing of novelists such as John Steinbeck evoked both sympathy for their characters and indignation at _____.

SECTION 9-2