US HISTORY

RIDING THE RAILS

DIRECTIONS: Read the following short stories about riding the rails during the Great Depression. (Worth 10 Points)

1. What did Donald Newhouser do while riding the rails from 1935 – 1938?

2. Why was Gene heading South?

3. What happened to Jim when the train took up slack?

4. What did Henry Koczur’s mother serve to eat everyday?

5. Who robbed Henry and his fellow train riders?

6. Why was Henry able to ride to Yuma despite the presence of a railroad bull?

7. What did Leslie Paul take with him when he left home?

8. Why did Leslie owe Gus?

9. How did Weaver pass the time waiting for the train?

10. How much did the railroad bulls charge to ride the Union Pacific?