

Chapter 11 Section 2

Farming the Plains

Appointment Clock

12 O'clock: The Beginnings of Settlement

- Where are the Great Plains located?
- What nickname did Stephen Long give the region in 1819?
- Define homestead and who supported the program?
- How many years did a settler have to live on the land before receiving the title?
- Describe hardships for settlers on the Great Plains.

3 O'clock: The Wheat Belt

- Define dry farming.
- How did sodbusters lose their homesteads?
- What part of the farming process involved the thresher?
- What crop was well suited to be grown on the Great Plains?
- Where is the Wheat Belt?
- Define bonanza farms.

6 O' clock: Farmers Fall on Hard Times

- What destroyed crops and turned the soil into dust?
- How did some farmers try to make it during the difficult times after a glut of foreign wheat hit the market?
- By 1900, what type of farmer cultivated 1/3 of the farms on the Plains?

9 O'clock: Closing the Frontier

- What was one of the last large territories opened for settlement called?
- Why did closing of the frontier worry many people?
- How did many people on the Plains adapt to the environment?