

Frame of Reference: A Strike in San Antonio, Texas, in the 1930s

Read the story about the pecan shellers' strike.

Look at the "Facts about the Decade 1930-1939 in U.S. History."

Use the information in both to answer the questions below.

1. The population of San Antonio's West Side in the 1930s was
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| a. decreasing | c. staying the same | a | b | c | d |
| b. increasing | d. elderly | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
2. The average *annual* salary in the 1930s was \$1,368.00, so the average *monthly* salary was _____.
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|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|---|---|---|---|
| a. \$1.14 | b. \$11.40 | c. \$114.00 | d. \$1,140 | a | b | c | d |
| | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
3. The average *monthly* salary for a pecan sheller was
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| a. \$27.50 | b. \$11.00 | c. \$1.11 | d. \$110.00 | a | b | c | d |
| | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
4. Compared to the average worker, pecan shellers made
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| a. much less | c. about the same | a | b | c | d |
| b. slightly less | d. more | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
5. "Unemployment rises to 25%" meant that one worker in ___ had no job.
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| a. 2 | b. 4 | c. 8 | d. 25 | a | b | c | d |
| | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
6. The pecan company owners could always find enough workers, even though their wages were very low because
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| a. More people were arriving in San Antonio each week from Mexico. | a | b | c | d |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- b. People liked to eat pecans while they worked.
- c. Many people needed jobs.
- d. Both a and c are correct.