

# TORNADO ALLEY Video "b"

Tri State tornado of 3/18/1925

Directions: answer the following questions BASED on the Video "Tornado Alley"

- 1. What is the original name that stuck for the term "Tornado?"
  - a. Cyclone
  - b. El Tornado
  - c. Tempest
  - d. Whirl Winds
- 2. On March 18, 1925 this tornado crossed three states and was one of the longest lasting tornadoes to even be recorded. This tornado was called?
  - a. The Fog
  - b. The Great Cyclone
  - c. The Large Tornado of 1925
  - d. Tri-State Tornado
- 3. This Tornado was traveling almost at a record speed at one point covering a mile a minute. What was this speed?
  - a. 52 miles per hour
  - b. 60 miles per hour
  - c. 73 miles per hour
  - d. 85 miles per hour
- 4. Tornadoes form when tropical air, from the Gulf of Mexico, intersect desert air that flood out of the Southwest Rockies. Determine the type of Air Mass that is colliding?
  - a. mT and cP
  - b. cT and cP
  - c. CP and MT
  - d. mT and mP
- 5. On March 18, 1925 near Annapolis, Missouri, was the beginning of one of the most horrific tornado ever recorded. Many witnesses who reported the tornado coming stated that the tornado sounded like a \_\_\_\_\_ approaching.
  - a. Car
  - b. Train
  - c. Plane
  - d. Thunder storm

# PART 2

- 6. In Natchez, Illinois in 1840 a tornado crossed the Mississippi River and was about how wide?
  - a. Four miles wide
  - b. Less than a mile
  - c. Mile wide
  - d. Two miles wide
- 7. In 1896, East Saint. Louis was hit the hardest by which class of Tornado?
  - a. F<sub>0</sub>
  - **b. F**<sub>1</sub>
  - **c. F**<sub>3</sub>
  - d. **F**<sub>5</sub>
  - e. F<sub>6</sub>

- 8. On March 18, 1925 Annapolis, Missouri was where this Twister started. The Tornado traveled about 219 miles, in four hours. On that day where was the *safest place* to be when it occurred?
  - a. 450 feet underground
  - b. In a bathtub
  - c. In a Storm cellar
  - d. Under a bridge

## PART 3

- 9. Gorham, Illinois was hit by this Tri-State Tornado at 2:35p.m. The tornado was traveling about?
  - a. 90 miles per hour
  - b. 60 miles per hour
  - c. 20 miles per hour
  - d. 125 miles per hour
- 10. The next town to be hit was Murphysboro's. A town that had about 12,000 people, where the biggest problem was the bank robbery the day before. The John A. Logan School was set to be destroyed at the end of the school year. The Tornado destroyed the school. Which statement BEST states the reason why student death toll was low?
  - a. Allot of students were absent that day from school
  - b. School was not in session that day
  - c. Student's were prepared for the disaster
  - d. The soft bricks were carried away by the twister
- 11. After the tornado left Murphysboro's, strange events happened Which one is NOT a freak phenomenon associated with tornadoes
  - a. 40 ton rail cars located 12 miles away
  - b. Straw driven into solid wood
  - c. Trees impaled with fence post
  - d. Car parked on a second floor house
- 12. What major event followed the Tri-State Tornado a few years later that plunged the United States into economic hardship?
  - a. WWI
  - b. Great Depression
  - c. Dust Bowl
  - d. Collapse of the Railroads

# PART 4... SUPER OUTBREAK

- 13. In one day, according to the video what was the number of tornadoes that touched down in ONE day?
  - a. About 48
  - b. About 204
  - c. About 148
  - d. About 104

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- 14. On May 20, 1948 Captain Miller and Major Fawlish who worked on Tinker Air Force Base, did something that was never done before. Select the BEST answer.
  - a. Issued an evacuation of the Air Force Base
  - b. Issued the 1<sup>st</sup> tornado warning
  - c. Issued the first classification of Tornadoes
  - d. Recorded the most outbreak of tornadoes in one day
- 15. According to the video, what made the 1965 Palm Sunday outbreak so special?
  - a. A tornado warning was given for the first time in history
  - b. Death toll from tornadoes was the highest on this day.
  - c. There were 16 tornadoes on the ground at one time
  - d. There were 57 tornadoes on the ground in one day.
- 16. According to the video, what made April 3, 1974 outbreak so special?
  - a. A tornado warning was given for the first time in history
  - b. Death toll from tornadoes was the highest on this day.
  - c. There was an outbreak of about 120 tornadoes in one day
  - d. There were 16 tornadoes on the ground at one time

### *PART 5...*

17. How long did the Tri-State tornado last on the ground?

- a. 1 hour
- b. 15 minutes
- c. 30 minutes
- d. 4hours

18. What is the last sign that a tornado is dying?

- a. Low pressure and snow begins to fall
- b. Precipitation stops
- c. The funnel cloud is twisting rope like
- d. The sky clears up
- 19. According to meteorologist, they believe the Tri-State tornado was
  - a. Multi-tornadoes produced from one storm
  - b. One single tornado
  - c. Multiple tornadoes from multiple storms that touchdown at the same time.
- 20. The destructive path of the Tri-State tornado was a trail over 200 miles long which
  - a. Was continues and unbroken
  - b. Was broken paths that seemed to almost connect

### ESSAY:

In your opinion, hypothesize what you believe the Tri-state tornado was just one tornado or multiple tornadoes? Explain your answer with cited evidence.