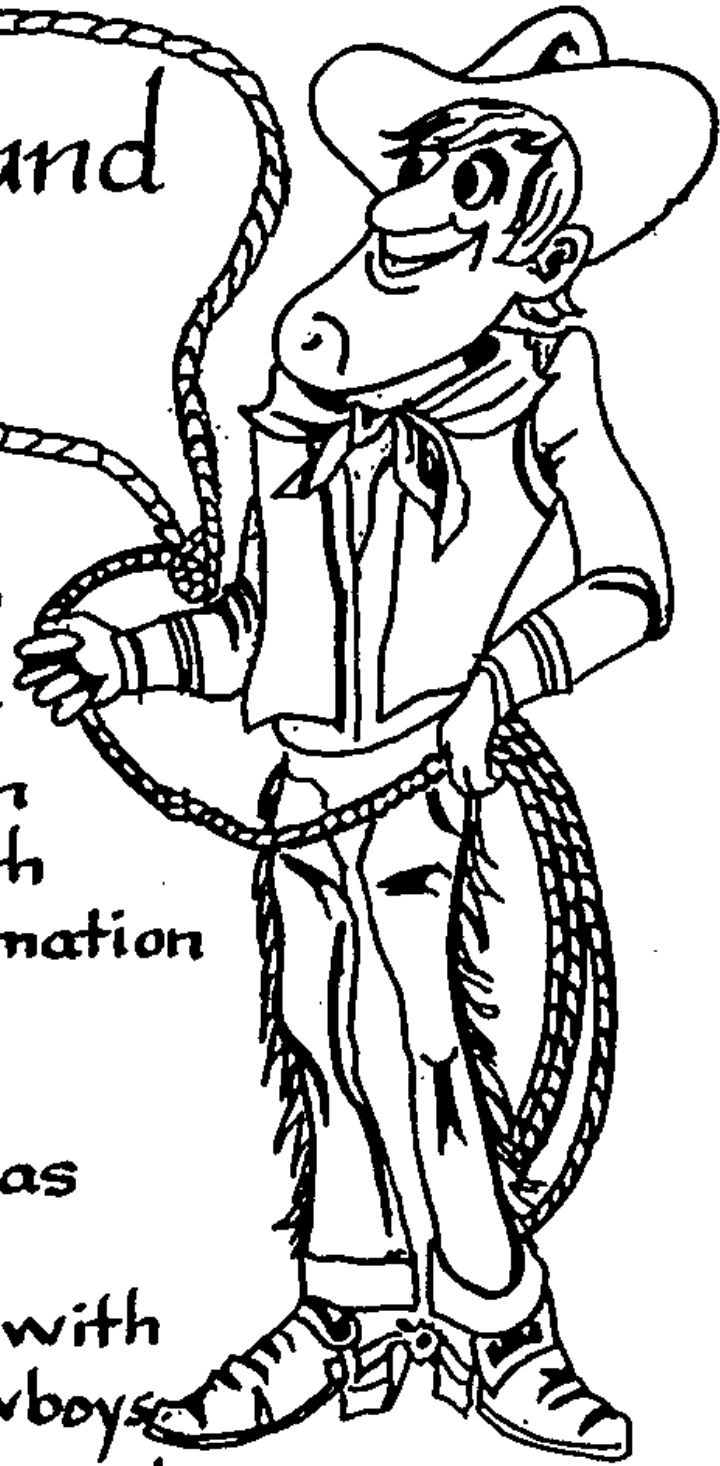


Teacher Background Information


The following activities should be attempted only after sufficient teacher input and class discussion has familiarized the students with vocabulary and background information on cowboys.

Suggested Teacher Input Ideas

1. Integrate these activities with a reading program about cowboys. This program could include novel studies, individualized reading or stories from readers.
2. Brainstorm chart lists of cowboy words. Classify the words with the students.
3. Read storybooks or information books to the class to help them understand the cowboy way of life.
4. Show cowboy films
5. Read poetry related to cowboys.
6. Establish an interest centre with books, filmstrips, pictures and concrete materials.



Ranches




Ranchers were the pioneers of cattle country. Instead of farming, they raised cattle on thousands of acres called a spread or ranch. There were few schools and churches and houses were sometimes 80 km apart. The main house was called the ranch house. It was built close to a stream and had a kitchen or mess hall where all the cowboys ate. The thousands of unfenced acres around the ranch house were called 'the range'. The main settlement on the ranch included the ranch house, bunkhouse (where the cowboys slept), stables and corrals, smithy, sheds, and sometimes a small church or chapel. Outposts were needed for large ranches. These 'line camps' were built every 10 km or so, around its borders. Cowboys would take turns staying at the outpost. It was lonely work.

A Cowboy's Way of Life

A cowboy's workday was long and tiring, usually lasting from sunrise to sunset. The cook and the wrangler were the first ones up. The wrangler was the youngest cowboy who took care of the cowboys' horses. He also helped the cook prepare meals. After working hard all day and sometimes spending up to 18 hours on his horse, the

EVALUATION RECORD


Date: _____




Students' Names

	RESEARCH	WORD ROUNDUP
	1. Seasonal Jobs	1. Plurals
	2. Research Booklet	2. Word Meaning
	3. Rodeos	3. Scrambled Words
	4. A Cowboy's Special Clothes	4. Compounds
	5. The Outlaws	5. Making Sentences
	6. Super Researcher	6. Classifying Words
		7. Seeing Relationships
		8. Word Find

Word Roundup



<p>longhorn steer cow calf coyote wolf horse mustang cow pony remuda roundup maverick herd bronc stagecoach sheriff deputy posse outlaw desperado ambush</p>	<p>dude ranch spread cattle ranchhouse corral bunkhouse stable range smithy outpost cook wrangler blacksmith cowpoke cowpuncher trail boss chuckwagon bedroll campfire Indian stampede rustler sundown rodeo grandstand drought gunfight blizzard saloon gambling</p>	<p>buckaroo bandanna neckerchief chaps six-shooter rifle revolver spurs boots whip lasso (lariat) flannel shirt leather jacket levis (jeans) holster, pistol gunbelt saddle stirrup reins bit bridle wrist cuffs stetson slicker branding iron grub (food) cowhide cactus bullet marshal rattlesnake</p>
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Research

Cowboys worked hard from sunrise to sunset, every day of the year.

Read to find out the types of jobs a cowboy would do each season. Fold a piece of newsprint into 4 sections. In each section:

- Print a season of the year.
- Draw what a cowboy might be busy doing in that season.
- Print a sentence, very neatly, telling what the cowboy's job is.

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter



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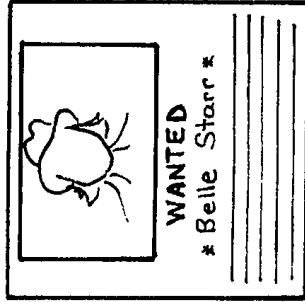
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The Outlaws

When the West was young, it was wild and could be very dangerous. Many people found life very tough and some turned bad. These became gamblers, bank robbers, rustlers and gunfighters.

Read about some of the worst outlaws of the Wild West.

Make a 'wanted poster' for the outlaw you find most interesting. At the bottom write a short story about his or her life.



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Word Roundup

Match the word with its meaning.

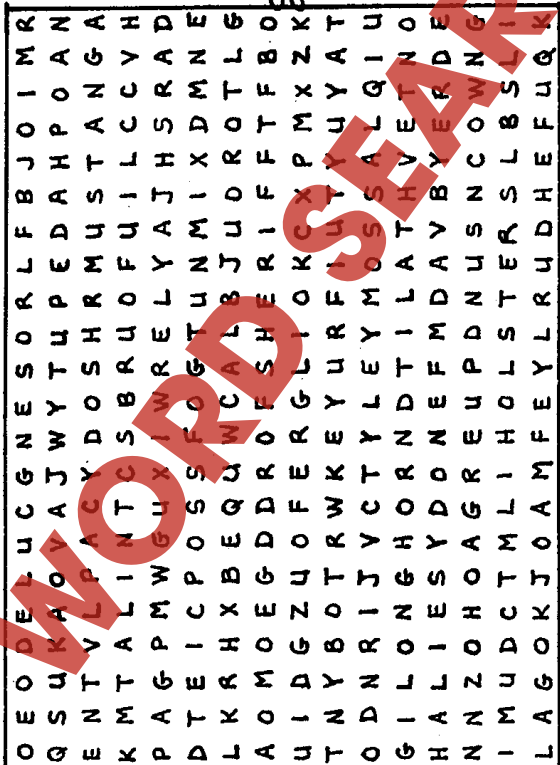
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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. mustang | — a cowboy contest |
| 2. maverick | — land where cattle graze |
| 3. range | — team of men who chase outlaws |
| 4. rustler | — a wild horse |
| 5. remuda | — a cowboy who tamed wild horses. |
| 6. drought | — a horse or cattle thief |
| 7. posse | — unbranded cow |
| 8. stampede | — when frightened cattle run wild |
| 9. rodeo | — very dry weather due to lack of rain. |
| 10. bronco-buster | — a group of extra horses brought on a cattle drive. |



8.

Word Round-Up

Lasso the hidden words, pardner!!



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| Stampede | Ranch | Longhorn | Mule | Cactus |
| Lasso | Mustang | Deputy | Indian | Holster |
| Rodeo | Cowboy | Saddle | Sheriff | Coyote |



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Creative Writing

Haiku

Haiku poems are only 3 lines long. Each line has a special number of syllables.

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| line 1 | _____ | 5 syllables |
| 2 | _____ | 7 syllables |
| 3 | _____ | 5 syllables |

Example: Riding guard at night
Singing songs to the cattle
The moon lights the way.

Write a 3 line haiku poem about cowboys.