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Cows and Cowboys in Kansas History

Answers for Worksheet 2: Cows and Cowboys in Kansas History

Read "The Life of a Trail Drive Cowboy" to answer the following questions. Students will use information from the text to support their answers.

1. How was life exciting for cowboys?

Cowboys were young men who traveled far from home and had many new experiences.

2. How was life dangerous for cowboys?

Cowboys had to make sure the cattle were safe day and night. They breathed thick dust on the trail. There was a danger of drowning for both cowboys and cattle. Cowboys also had to guard against wild animals too.

3. How was life hard for cowboys?

Some of the answers from above may be used. Long hours and hard work made the cowboy's life hard. Cowboys even had to work at night keeping the cattle calm. They slept on the ground in bedrolls with a saddle for a pillow. Cowboys were only paid about \$1 per day.