

Read the selection. Then choose the best answer to each question.



- 1 Long before there were cowboys in Texas, there were vaqueros. A vaquero could tame a wild horse. He could stop a steer without using a rope. Vaqueros worked well with their horses and could perform amazing stunts.

Caring for Cattle

- 2 At one time, Spanish ranchers in parts of Mexico, Texas, and California owned huge herds of cattle. The cattle lived on large areas of land. And all those cows needed a lot of food. The animals were allowed to roam freely across the land so they could find enough food to eat.



- 3 Caring for the cattle was a big job. Ranchers hired vaqueros to keep the cattle safe. Vaqueros spent long days in their saddles, riding their horses across the open land. They scared away any animals that might harm the cattle. And if a cow was injured or sick, it was the vaquero's job to help it.
- 4 Spring was a busy time for vaqueros because that was when the calves were born. Each rancher sent a team of vaqueros to search for the new babies and their mothers. The vaqueros would

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Tools and Clothing	Common Name	Purpose
Lariat 	Leather rope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To catch cattle and other animals
Sarape 	Small blanket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect vaqueros from the cold To herd cattle
Sombrero 	Large hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To shade vaqueros' faces

Training the Cowboys of Texas

10 Spanish ranchers didn't stay in Texas. When they moved to other areas, their cattle and the vaqueros often remained. The new settlers who moved into Texas didn't know what to do with the cattle. But the vaqueros did. The vaqueros worked with the new settlers and taught them how to care for cattle. Soon some of these settlers were able to do the same work as the vaqueros, but they became known by a different name—Texas cowboys.

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- 1** The author includes headings in bold print to —
- A** explain why the article was written
 - B** describe why pictures were included in the article
 - C** show which words are most important
 - D** tell what information is in each section
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- 2** The picture next to paragraph 2 is included in the article to —
- A** show what a vaquero might have looked like while doing his job
 - B** provide information about how vaqueros taught new settlers
 - C** explain why many vaqueros were needed on a cattle ranch
 - D** show how fast a vaquero could ride his horse
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- 3** A table is included in the section “Getting the Job Done” to help the reader —
- A** identify the tools and clothing vaqueros used
 - B** learn where a vaquero kept his tools
 - C** understand why ranchers hired vaqueros
 - D** know which jobs were most difficult for vaqueros

- 4 What is the best summary of this article?
- A Ranchers owned a lot of cattle. In order to find enough food, the cattle had to roam freely across large areas of land. The ranchers needed help with their cattle, so they hired vaqueros.
 - B Spanish ranchers hired vaqueros to take care of their cattle. The cattle lived in large open areas. Vaqueros used horses and special clothing and tools to help them with their work. When the ranchers moved away, the vaqueros taught their skills to new settlers.
 - C Vaqueros took care of cattle that wandered across large areas of land. The vaqueros watched over the cattle and chased harmful animals away. They also helped find calves in springtime.
 - D Spanish ranchers owned cattle that grazed in large areas of grassland. It was difficult to keep track of the cattle and take care of them. The cattle ranchers needed some help, so they hired vaqueros, who were similar to cowboys. Eventually the Spanish ranchers left.
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- 5 Which words in paragraph 4 help the reader understand the meaning of stray?
- A *a specific area*
 - B *the small valleys*
 - C *hard to locate*
 - D *a busy time*

- 6** Vaqueros herded cattle into a fenced area by —
- A** counting the calves and reporting the numbers to the rancher
 - B** throwing a rope over the cattle to bring them toward the fence
 - C** surrounding the cattle and moving them as a group
 - D** putting out food for the cattle
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- 7** Which sentence best supports the idea that horses were helpful in controlling cattle?
- A** *The animals were allowed to roam freely across the land so they could find enough food to eat.*
 - B** *Vaqueros spent long days in their saddles, riding their horses across the open land.*
 - C** *Getting cattle to move in one direction was not an easy job.*
 - D** *The horses were also trained to step in front of a cow that was trying to escape from the herd.*
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- 8** What happened to the vaqueros when the Spanish ranchers moved away?
- A** They continued searching for lost cattle.
 - B** They started businesses in the towns.
 - C** They moved the cattle to new homes.
 - D** They stayed and taught their skills to the new settlers.

Item Number	Reporting Category	Readiness or Supporting	Content Student Expectation	Correct Answer
READING Selection 1				
1	2	Supporting	3.6 Fig. 19(D)	A
2	2	Supporting	3.5 Fig. 19(D)	D
3	2	Supporting	3.6 Fig. 19(D)	B
4	2	Supporting	3.6 Fig. 19(D)	A
5	2	Supporting	3.2(B)	D
6	2	Supporting	3.6 Fig. 19(D)	C
7	2	Supporting	3.6 Fig. 19(D)	B
READING Selection 2				
1	3	Readiness	3.13(D)	D
2	3	Supporting	3.16 Fig. 19(D)	A
3	3	Supporting	3.15 Fig. 19(D)	A
4	3	Readiness	3.13 Fig. 19(E)	B
5	1	Readiness	3.4(B)	C
6	3	Readiness	3.13(A)	C
7	3	Readiness	3.13(B)	D
8	3	Readiness	3.13(B)	D

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