

Study Guide for Yee-Haw! Cowboys

1. Why would cowboys stand guard at night? _____
 - a. to protect the herd from rustlers
 - b. to protect the herd from thieves or attackers
 - c. to keep the cattle from running away
 - d. all of the above
2. Supplies had to be **nonperishable**. What does **nonperishable** mean?

3. What were **rustlers**? _____
4. What are **vaqueros**? _____
5. How were the real cowboys' lives different from the way western movies made them out to be? _____
 - a. Their life was lonely.
 - b. Their job was exhausting.
 - c. They didn't spend time in shootouts.
 - d. all of the above
6. When the cowboys first started working, there were no fences across the West. Why not? _____
 - a. There were so few people living there.
 - b. Everyone wanted to share each other's cows.
 - c. The cows stayed together in their herds away from other cows.
 - d. all of the above
7. Why would it be helpful if the cook was a good hunter? _____
 - a. He could keep the coyotes and bears away from the cows.
 - b. He would be able to get more nutritious food to cook.
 - c. He would have something to do during the day.
 - d. all of the above
8. Why was it important for a cowboy to recognize the rancher's brand? _____

9. What was the best way to stop a stampede? _____

10. Why would the cowboys fear stampedes? _____
a. They could get killed.
b. They would have to catch the cows again.
c. The cows or the men might be trampled.
d. all of the above
11. Why was the job of the original cowboys to tame wild horses? _____
a. They were experienced horse handlers.
b. They were the ones who knew where the horses were.
c. it was the only job they could find.
d. all of the above
12. When the cowboy's life as a cowboy was over, where did some of them find work? _____

13. A wrangler's job during a cattle drive was to _____

14. The chuck wagon is the part of a wagon train that carries _____.
15. A rustler is a thief who steals _____.
16. _____ task is not a grueling task.
a. A difficult
b. An exhausting
c. An enjoyable
17. Long ago, ranchers would brand animals by (burning, piercing, freezing).
18. A stampede is something that takes place among _____.
a. most reptiles
b. big cats
c. herd animals

19. The cook on a _____ served food that was easy to keep preserved.
20. Ranchers _____ livestock to identify ownership of the animals.
21. Training for the triathlon was _____ and took a lot of work.
22. On a cattle drive, a _____ cared for extra horses that might be needed if a horse got sick or hurt.
23. A _____ is a livestock thief.
24. A _____ is a high-speed, panicked charge of a group of cattle or other herd animals.