

### **Newspaper Narratives**









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#### Vocabulary Words

- Ranchero
- Hacienda
- Branding
- Dehorning
- Vaquero
- Cowboy
- Cattle drive
- Stampede
- Calf • Bull
- Hereford
- Longhorn

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Students will view several online newspapers to learn about the Cattle Kingdom and its importance to Texas. They will follow the permalinks embedded in pictures/shapes on each slide, as well as use the "Texas Cattle Kingdom" worksheet among others.

Discover the numerous links embedded within this power point, you may select a few slides to use or view just the slide show

How to view the articles:

- Students use the slides\_with\_notes power point from the slide, click on the picture or shape (cattle) then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of
- the page
  4. locate and read the article (download to read article)



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INPLIY CONDITION OF THE BANDES.

In 1865 large herds of buffaloes ranged almost undisturbed over this part of central Texas, and as late as 1876–77 small herds found their way in, to be quickly killed off by hunters and the pioneer stockmen. By that time herds of cattle and flocks of sheep had been located along the various water courses, but it was not until about 1883, when the Texas and Pacific Railroad first entered the section, that there was anything like systematic settlement of the country. Passing through parts of it in 1879, ranches were only to be found at long intervals. Ranchmen who located in Taylor and Jones counties about 1876 state that there were then scarcely 200 people in the two counties. All of these were engaged in atook raising, and had been attracted to the country by the abundance and luxuriance of the native grasses.

A stockman who traveled with a herd of cattle through San Saba, Tom Green, and Taylor counties in the summer of 1867, when that country was very sparsely settled, says that the grass was everywhere from 1 to 3 feet high, and that sometimes it was as high as a cow's Altistory of the Exhaustion of the Pasturage and

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back, not only on the bottom lands, but also in places on the drier uplands. At that time there is little doubt that the ranges would have supported 300 head of cattle to the square mile. It was an ideal stock country. There was plenty of water, and the "nester," the man with the hoe, had not yet put in his appearance to dispute with the cattlemen the right and title to these boundless meadows. There were a few sheepmen scattered here and there along the drier uplands, where there was a shorter and richer growth of herbage. They were so few that they were tolerated by the cattlemen just because there was such a plethoric abundance of grass and water. True, the sheepman and the nester had just as good a legal right to the land, but then in Texas, as in other lands and other times, might was right, and the cattlemen ruled until organized law came in and took possession. So there was much talk of ownership of grass and water, or "range rights," although in point of fact there was probably not a single ranchman in the whole region who had legal title to an acre of the property so claimed.

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Those who bought cattle and sheep in 1882-83 have good reason to remember that \$25 for a own and from \$5 to \$6 for a sheep were not then regarded as being extravagant prices. No class of men could so readily figure out such happy results on paper as stockmen, and when anyone expressed doubt back in those faish times, as to the permanency of such prices, pencils and menorandum books promptly appeared, and it was explained to the doubter that cown were certain to go to \$55, and even \$50, and sheep to \$10 per head. The elemand for money to invest stiffened the back-bones of those who had it to loan, until from 1½ to 2 per cent per month was unblushingly demanded and unhesitatingly given, not only upon stock but unon personal security.

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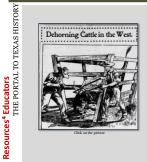
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#### **Raising Cattle**



# Cattle Dehorning



Find out how the experts went about making the job easier.

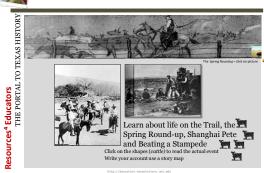
Click on the picture and shapes (cattle) to learn how?

How were the cattle kept healthy?

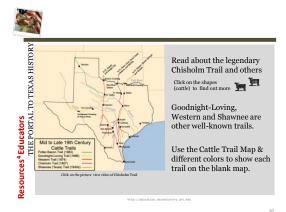
Answer the questions on the "Texas Cattle Kingdom" worksheet

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What single event brought in millions of dollars to Texas cattle owners?

Why was this important?

What did Mr. I. Dahlman have to do with this?

Click on the shape (cattle) to find out?

Who is Geronimo? How did these events influence his existence?

Read the article and then

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