



Ranching in Texas
7th Grade Worksheet

1) How would you describe the life of a cowboy?

2) Based on the photos and oral history readings, how difficult do you think it would be to brand cattle?

3) What are some of the distinguishing features of Brahman cattle?

4) What are some of the distinguishing features of Santa Getrudis?



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5) What are some of the distinguishing features of the Texas Longhorn?

6) What were early permanent ranch quarters like?

7) What type of houses did the King Ranch upgrade to?

8) According to McKamey, what kind of relationship did the seasonal workers and ranch hands have with the ranch?

9) According to Turcotte, during the early years, who was in charge of every division of the King Ranch? Why were men of this type need?



10) When did the cattle raiding of the King and Kennedy Ranch end?

11) What other means did the King Ranch use to protect their ranch and cattle?

12) What was Sidney M. Freeborn hired to do?

13) What was the connection between the Kennedy and King Ranches?

14) According to Turcotte, what was the reason the King Ranch separated from the Kennedy Ranch?



15) How large was the Kennedy Ranch?

16) What was one of the turning points of ranching?

17) What advantages did artesian wells provide?

18) What parasites posed a significant problem for Texas ranches?

19) What process did Texas ranchers use to eliminate ticks?

20) How often did cattle need to be dipped?



21) How did Mexican vaqueros show their allegiance while working on King Ranch?

22) According McKamey, what was the weather like in Kingsville?

23) What kind of relationship did the many 19th century ranch employees have with their ranch owners?

24) How did range hands sleep on the range?

25) What purposes did the chuck wagon serve?

26) What was the horcata?
