

Cattle Changes Texas

Trace how cattle work grew and shaped Texas.

4.4.B “explain the growth, development, and impact of the cattle industry such as contributions made by Charles Goodnight, Richard King, and Lizzie Johnson;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that show how the cattle industry grew or changed. Circle details that show its impact on people, jobs, or ranching.

Cattle, Trails, and Ranches

- ① After the Civil War, many Texas ranchers had large herds of longhorn cattle but few nearby buyers. Railroads and growing cities in the East created demand for beef. Cowboys drove cattle north on long trails to railroad towns, where animals could be shipped to market. This trade brought money to Texas, led to larger ranches, and created jobs for ranchers, trail crews, and railroad workers.
- ② Charles Goodnight helped make long cattle drives more organized. With Oliver Loving, he helped open the Goodnight-Loving Trail, which carried cattle from Texas toward markets in New Mexico and Colorado. Goodnight also created the chuck wagon by changing an Army wagon into a mobile kitchen and supply wagon. It carried food, tools, and medicine, helping cowboys work far from towns.
- ③ Richard King helped develop ranching in South Texas. He started the King Ranch with Gideon Lewis and built a business that raised cattle for sale. King Ranch became one of the largest in Texas and later improved cattle breeds. Lizzie Johnson showed that women could lead in this business. She bought and sold cattle, arranged cattle drives, and owned ranches. Her work helped move Texas cattle to buyers and expanded opportunities for women.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What two changes helped Texas cattle ranchers find buyers far from their ranches?

2 How did Charles Goodnight's chuck wagon help cowboys during cattle drives?

3 Explain one way Richard King helped develop the cattle industry and one impact of his work.

4 How did Lizzie Johnson's work affect both the cattle business and opportunities for women?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three sentences, one about Charles Goodnight, one about Richard King, and one about Lizzie Johnson. In each sentence, explain what the person did and how that work helped the cattle industry or people in Texas.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that show how the cattle industry grew or changed. Circle details that show its impact on people, jobs, or ranching. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two changes helped Texas cattle ranchers find buyers far from their ranches?	Railroads and growing cities in the East created demand and allowed cattle to be shipped to market.
2	How did Charles Goodnight's chuck wagon help cowboys during cattle drives?	It carried food, tools, and medicine, so cowboys could work far from towns.
3	Explain one way Richard King helped develop the cattle industry and one impact of his work.	He started King Ranch with Gideon Lewis and built a cattle business. The ranch became one of the largest in Texas and later improved cattle breeds.
4	How did Lizzie Johnson's work affect both the cattle business and opportunities for women?	She bought and sold cattle, arranged drives, and owned ranches. Her work moved cattle to buyers and showed that women could lead in the business.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Charles Goodnight provided a chuck wagon with supplies, so cattle-drive crews could work far from towns. Richard King started a ranch that became large and later improved cattle breeds, helping ranching grow in South Texas. Lizzie Johnson bought and sold cattle and arranged drives, which moved cattle to buyers and showed that women could lead businesses.

Accept equivalent explanations that connect each person's action to an effect on ranching, cattle drives, markets, jobs, or opportunities for women. For the open response, students should address all three people and include an accurate impact in each sentence.