

Cattle & Cowboys *Advanced*

Unit 10: Cotton, Cattle, and Railroads

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Directions: Use the information at each station to answer the questions for that station on your worksheet.

Station 1: The Rise of the Beef Industry

1. What was the cattle industry in Texas like before the Civil War?
2. How did the Civil War affect the cattle industry in Texas and the U.S.?
3. What were cattle drives, and why did so many occur after the Civil War?
4. What was the result of the growth of the cattle industry in Texas?

Station 2: Cattle Drive Trails

Trail	In which state did it terminate?	Which railroad(s) did it connect with?
The Shawnee (and Sedalia) trails		
The Chisholm Trail		
The Western Trail		
The Goodnight Loving Trail		

Station 3: Texas Cattle Fever

1. What was the Texas Fever, and what caused it?
2. Explain three significant ways that the Texas Fever affected the cattle industry in Texas and other states.

Station 4: Life as a Cowboy

1. What was the origin of cowboys in Texas?
2. Explain three of the challenges of life as a cowboy in the late 1800s.

Station 5: Mega Ranches

1. For much of Texas history, ranches were typically small operations. What were the primary causes for the establishment of mega ranches during this era?
2. In which region of Texas were the majority of the mega ranches established? Based on your prior knowledge, why do you think the ranches were established there?
3. Which ranch established during this era was the largest? Who established the ranch and what role did the Texas state government play in its establishment?

Station 6: Innovations

Windmills	Barbed Wire
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the purpose of windmills on ranches in the late 1800s? 2. How did windmills revolutionize ranching in Texas? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is a patent? 2. Who received the first patent for barbed wire, and what was special about his specific product? 3. What effect did barbed wire have on the cattle industry in Texas?