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:
1. Students use the slides_with_notes power point
2. from the slide, click on the picture or shape (cattle)
3. then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of the page
4. locate and read the article (download to read article)
Cattle Ranges of the Southwest

**EARLY CONDITION OF THE RANGE.**

In 1835, large herds of buffaloes ranged about undisturbed over this part of Western Texas, and as late as 1856-77 small herds found their way in to be quickly killed off by hunters and the pioneer adventurers. By that time herds of cattle and flocks of sheep had been located along the various water courses, but it was not until about 1885, 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, ranchers were only too well aware of its abundant pasturage, and it is stated that there were then nearly 300 people in the two counties. All of these were engaged in stock raising, and had been attracted to the country by the abundance and convenience of the native grasses.

A stockman who traveled with a herd of cattle through Sono Sabe, Tom Green, and Taylor counties in the summer of 1887, when the 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 man's back, not only on the bottom lands, but also in places on the drier uplands. At that time there was little doubt that the ranges would turn out a support of 300 head of cattle to the square mile. It was an ideal stock country. There was plenty of water, and the "country," the man with the herd, had not yet put in his appearance to dispute with the cattle for the right and title to these boundless meadows. There were a few small ones scattered here and there along the drier uplands, where there was a shorter and richer growth of herbage. They were no less that they were tolerated by the cattleman; just because there was a picturesque abundance of grass and water. True, the sheepman and the stockman had just as good a legal right to the land, but none in Texas, as in other lands and other times, might have the right, and the sufficiency rested only on his assertive claim to ownership and occupance. So these low tails of ownership of grass and water, or "range rights" though in point of fact there was probably not a single range stockman in the whole region who had legal title to an acre of the property so claimed.

A History of the Exhaustion of the Pasturage and Suggestions for its Restoration By H. L. Bentley

Special Agent in charge of Grass Station at Abilene, Texas

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Raising Cattle

What was the gravest danger that early ranchers had to face?
Learn about branding: Read how symbols were recorded.
Cattlemen Convention
Cattle & Big Bucks $800,000

Click on the shapes (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

Learn about life on the Trail, the Spring Roundup, Shanghai Pete and Beating a Stampede

Click on the shapes (cattle) to read the actual event
Write your account in a story map
Read about the legendary Chisholm Trail and others
Click on the shapes (cattle) to find out more.

Goodnight-Loving, Western and Shawnee are other well-known trails.

Use the Cattle Trail Map & different colors to show each trail on the blank map.

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 answer the questions on the “Texas Cattle Kingdom” worksheet.

Ruth Roach on a bucking bronco 1920 – click on the picture.

Stock pens – Skidmore, Texas – Kitty Canutt – click on the picture.
Cattle branding equipment and the dehorning process in more current times.

How are the pictures different? How are they the same? Record your answer on the “Texas Cattle Kingdom” worksheet.

What two factors contributed to the end of the Open Range system?