Texas Ranching & Cattle Branding Learning Center Activity

• Post each picture with its questions around the room.
• Divide students into groups of 2-3.
• Students will rotate around the room answering the questions on their own paper or on the worksheet provided.
• When all groups have visited all pictures come back together as a class and discuss the questions and pictures.

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• How do you think brands could change the west?
• Whose brand do you think the W with the horns belongs to?
• Why are brands important to ranchers?
• What are the purposes of brands?
• What is the name of this brand?
• Do you think this brand is shorter or longer than other brands? Explain your answer.
• Would this be a brand that was easily identifiable on the hide of cattle?
• Why is an easily identifiable brand important?
• What are these men doing?

• Why are so many men involved in this process?

• Are there any dangers involved with branding animals?

• Who brought the concept of branding to the United States?

• These pictures represent the principal stockmen of western and northwestern Texas.

• What information is in the description under the pictures?

• Why are they facing different ways?

• Why are the brands in different locations?

• Why do some have more than one brand?
• What is happening in this picture?

• What do you see in the background?

• Where do you think this ranch is located?

• What are the fences built from? Why do you think they used that material to build it?
• What is this a picture of?

• What is the name of this brand?

• Would this brand be easy or difficult to duplicate? Why or why not?

• What do you think is happening in this picture?

• What is the propane tank for?

• What will the white fencing be used for?
What is happening in this picture?

Which cowboy has the most difficult job?

What do you think will happen when the man lets the calf up?

Why is the man sitting on the calf wearing chaps?
• What do you notice about the landscape of this picture?

• Which region of Texas do you think this ranch is located in?

• What are the characteristics of this region of Texas?

• What do you notice about the names of these cities?
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