

RANCH LIFE

Do your students have what it takes to be trailhands on a real Texas ranch? Watch them find out as they:

- Spend time in the organic garden discovering natural farming methods.
- Tend to ranch animals, such as cows, goats, and horses, as the early settlers did.
- Practice packing a saddle for the journey ahead.
- Learn to ride a horse and participate in an actual trail ride while learning the history of the cattle industry in Texas.
- Discuss and learn about famous cattle trails, and participate in a cattle drive game where they gain experience in choosing what supplies to bring.



Ranch Life TEKS Blueprint

TEKS	Student Expectation	Readiness Supporting
4.4 A	Describe the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Texas.	Readiness
4.4 B	Explain the growth, development, and impact of the cattle industry, including contributions made by Charles Goodnight, Richard King, and Lizzie Johnson.	Readiness
4.4 C	Identify the impact of railroads on life in Texas, including the changes to cities and major industries.	Supporting
4.4 D	Examine the effects upon American Indian life resulting from changes in Texas, including the Red River War, building of U.S. forts and railroads, and loss of buffalo.	Supporting
4.8 A	Identify and explain the clusters and patterns of settlement in Texas at different time periods such as prior to the Texas Revolution, after the building of the railroads, and following World War II.	Readiness
4.8 B	Describe and explain the location and distribution of various towns and cities in Texas, past and present.	Supporting
4.9 B	Identify reasons why people have adapted to and modified their environment in Texas, past and present, such as the use of natural resources to meet basic needs, facilitate transportation, and enhance recreational activities.	Readiness
4.12 B	Explain how geographic factors such as climate, transportation, and natural resources have influenced the location of economic activities in Texas.	Supporting
4.12 E	Explain how developments in transportation and communication have influenced economic activities in Texas.	Supporting