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19.2: Ranchers and Farmers

1. _____ are a tough breed of wild cattle brought to the United States by the Spanish.
2. Why were profits in Texas for cattle so low?
3. Why did the ranchers move cattle to the Midwest?
4. A trip of several hundred miles on which ranchers led their cattle to railroads and distant markets is called a(n) _____.
5. The most famous cattle trail is the _____.
6. _____, Kansas was a cow town where the majority of cattle were sold and sent to Chicago.
7. Explain the life of a cowhand.
8. _____ are cowhands of Hispanic origin. They introduced the roping and branding skills used by cowhands as well as the language used by ranchers.
9. Why did the cattle kingdom collapse?
10. _____ invented barbed wire.
11. Where is the Great American Desert located? _____

12. List 4 factors that brought farmers to the Great Plains.

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13. Answer the following questions about the Homestead Act:

Who was eligible-

What did they have to do-

Where was it located-

Why would people participate-

When did this begin-

14. Many _____ from Scandinavia moved to Minnesota and the Dakotas because of the Homestead Act.

15. What were some of the challenges of living on the Great Plains?

16. _____ is densely packed soil held together by grass roots, so _____ are homes made of this material.

17. _____ was the name given to early Great Plains farmers.

18. What is dry farming? _____

19. How did the people of Oklahoma get the name "Sooners"? What was the result of this act?

20. By _____ (year), the American Frontier was closed.