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Media-Rich Lesson Plan #1: Moo-ve 'Em On Out! HIDE AND HORN STUDENT ORGANIZER

Please read the Texas Historical Commission brochure "The Chisholm Trail: Exploring the Folklore and Legacy," available online at http://www.thc.state.tx.us/publications/brochures/Chisholm_Trail.pdf. As a class, you will read the brief article on the right-hand side of page 2 together. Then, it will be your group's task to become experts on a particular aspect of cattle drives, and to complete the corresponding section of this organizer using information presented in the brochure. Your group will be responsible for sharing the information you discover with the other groups.

Group assignments:

Group 1: Cattle Drive Trails

Group 2: Cattle Markets

Group 3: Cattle

Group 4: Cowboys

Group 5: Terms and Herd Formation

Group 1: Cattle Drive Trails

1) Name four trails used during 19th century cattle drives.

2) What modern Texas cities were on the routes of 19th century cattle drives?

3) The trailheads were the towns at the end of the cattle drive trails in Kansas and Missouri. Name three trailheads in Kansas, and four in Missouri.

4) Name four dangers faced by cowboys on 19th century cattle drives.

5) What was invented that contributed to the decline of Texas cattle drives?

Group 2: Cattle Markets

1) In 1860, were there more cows or people in Texas? How many more?

2) In the 1860s, how much was a longhorn steer worth in Texas?
Approximately how much was a longhorn steer worth in the North?

3) Why is Joseph McCoy a significant figure in the history of cattle drives?

4) How many cattle reached the Kansas railhead in 1871?

5) In the second half of the 1870s, what city became the predominant destination for Texas herds?

Group 3: Cattle

1) From what type of cattle are the Texas longhorns descended? Who brought these cattle to North America, and when did they do it?

2) What were the earliest ranches in Texas? How did these early ranches use cattle?

3) What is a vaquero?

4) What terms associated with cowboys are inspired by the Spanish ranching tradition?

5) What happened to the cattle after the Texas Revolution?

Group 4: Cowboys

1) Name three qualities a successful cowboy needed.

2) What was the wrangler's job? What is a remuda?

3) Name three groups of people who worked on 19th century trail drives.

4) What was life like in cowtowns such as Abilene?

5) How was a cowboy rewarded for the dangerous and harsh conditions faced on the trail?

Group 5: Terms and Herd Formation

1) During a trail drive, who rode ahead to scout for water and grass?

2) How are cattle marked to identify ownership?

3) What do point and swing riders do during a trail drive?

4) What do flank and drag riders do during a trail drive?

5) What is a chuck wagon?