

The Ranch House



As you walk through the house, look or listen for the answers to the questions for each room below. Please help us keep the artifacts safe by not touching them and by staying on the carpet runners. Thank you!



The Music Room/ Parlor

Who is Augusta? Is there a picture of her?
Where?



Johney's Bedroom

What do you like about this room?



The Sitting Room

Listen.....what did you hear the ranger say
about this room?



The Dining Room

How many people can sit at the dining table?



The Office

Is this desk different than your school
desks? Why or whynot?



The Kitchen

Why is the chair in the corner special?

Blacksmith Shop



Horse shoes

The blacksmith shop was the fix-it place on the ranch. By looking at the pictures and our blacksmith shop what kind of work do you think the blacksmith did? What other kinds of tools do you see in the blacksmith shop? Write your answers in the space below.



Forge



Bellows



Fire Shovel



Cross Peen Hammer



Anvil



Branding Irons



Tongs

What am I?



See if you can answer these riddles? Use the pictures to help you. Have you seen any of these things on the ranch so far? Draw a star next to what you have seen on the ranch.



I am big and sometimes have horns. There are a lot of us on a ranch. I like to eat grass and chew my cud.

What am I? _____

I am a cowboy's right hand "man." I work very hard in the summer. When I get dressed for work I wear a saddle and bridle.

What am I? _____

I am the first thing a cowboy puts on in the morning and the last thing he takes off at night. I protect him from sun and rain. I can be many sizes and shapes.

What am I? _____



I am very quiet. You can only hear me if you listen carefully when the wind blows. I am usually green. Cows and horses like to eat me.

What am I? _____

I am the person everyone comes to at the end of the day. I am up before everyone and the last one to go to sleep at night. I make things like coffee and spotted pup.

What am I? _____

I can be long and skinny or small and round. I can be used for many things, but mostly I am used to catch cattle.

What am I? _____





Dear Home:

In 1911, a twelve year old girl named Betty Wingert stayed at the ranch. In those days, people did not have computers to communicate. They used pen and paper to write letters if they wanted to keep in touch with their families and friends. Read the letter from Betty to her father. Fill in the blanks with the words from the word bank.

Word Bank

Skate

Outdoors

Mountains

Climb

Feel

White

Violets

Before

Beautiful

Letters

Flowers

Morning

March 16, 1911

My very dear Father

Spring has really come here. Has it with you? It makes you ____ as if you wanted to do something and don't know just what. Did you ever feel as if you had lived this particular moment before? In "David Copperfield" Dickens speaks of that, so other people must have felt it _____.

I'm just crazy to roller ____ so that I wish I had my roller skates here, but then Edward couldn't use them and they are ours together. There isn't much for me to do ____ and I can't stay in this beautiful weather.

I suppose you have been up to the cottage again? Have you seen any wild ____ yet? Yesterday _____ Aunt Anna and I went out to the big state nursery. It was _____ out there and it seemed just the right thing to do to go out there. The man gave each of us a bunch of _____ and me a passion flower. Did you ever see one? They are sometimes all white but on this one the ten petals are alternate ____ and kind of red lavender. Inside of the petals are dark lavender almost a purple. They represent the crown of thorns. Inside of these is a strange green figure for the cross.

I just received yours and mama's _____. No, I will be very glad to see the river although I like the _____. I wish they were higher.

I haven't been up on Mt. Helena yet but I hope to ____ it some time soon. I hope you're feeling well. We are. I send lots of love.

Your loving daughter
Betty