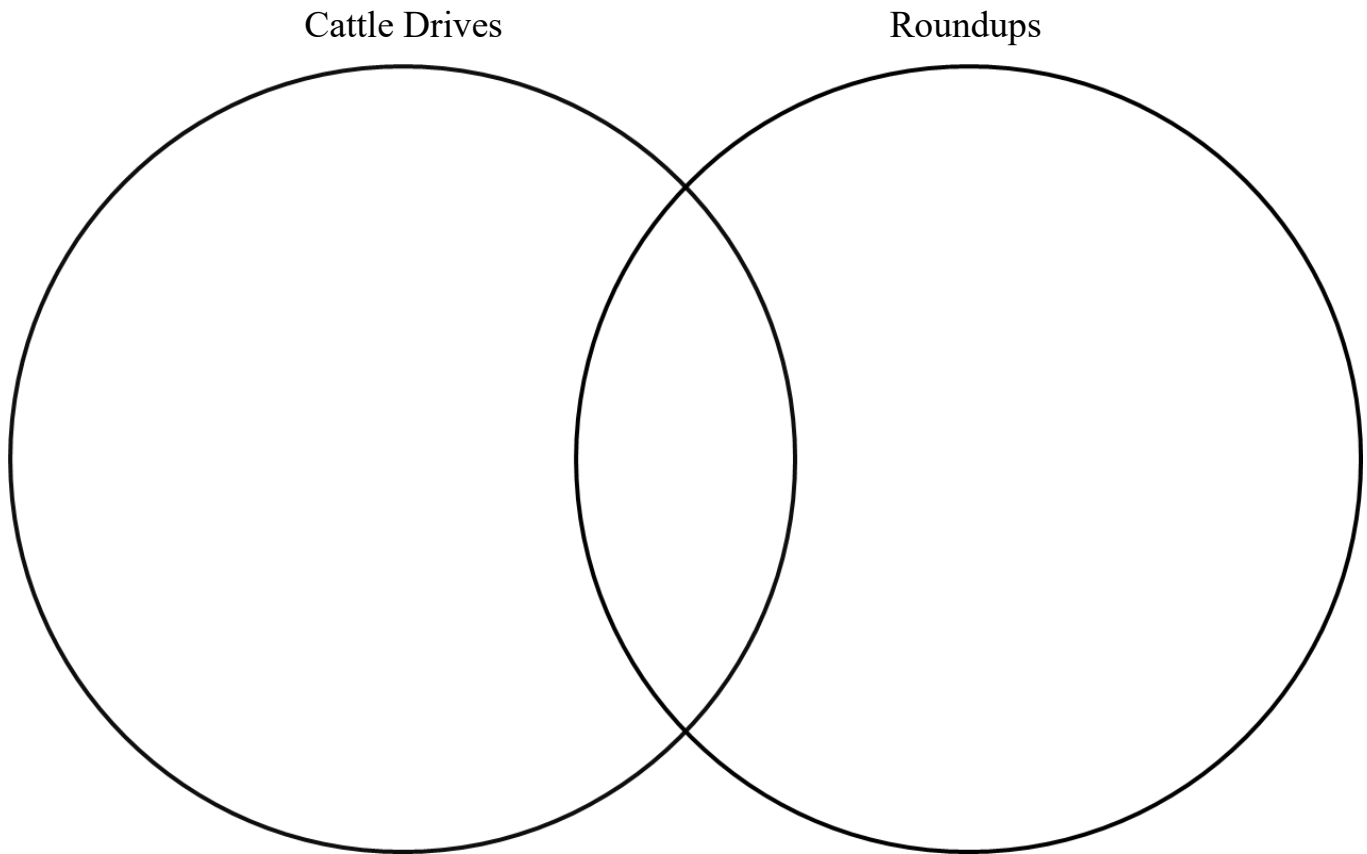


Chuck Wagon Cattle Drives versus Roundups Activity

Directions

Using what you learned from Cookie in the video, complete the Venn Diagram below comparing cattle drives and roundups. How were cattle drives and round ups similar? How were they different? For each, think about the jobs cowboys had to do, the tools they used, how they camped, and the dangers they faced.



Now, look at the following photographs and quotes. Can you tell which ones are from cattle drives and which ones are from roundups? Use the differences from your Venn Diagram to look for clues. What is happening? What are people doing? What tools or objects are they using?

Circle "cattle drive" or "roundup" underneath each photo or quote. Then, share why you think it is from one or the other.

Number 1



Photo courtesy of the Montana Historical Association.

Is this from a cattle drive or a roundup? Circle one:

Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the photo.

Number 2

“Twenty or thirty tents are pitched, and soon the smoke rises and the charms of a vivid camp life are offered to the eyes of the spectators.... The next morning early the work begins. The captain collects his herders, and gives them their instructions where to ride, where to find the cattle, and where to drive them...

Now begins the work of branding the calves. The cowboy rides into the herd, cuts out a cow with an unbranded calf, throws his well-directed lasso, catches and jerks the calf to the ground, which another herder quickly brands and releases from the lasso...”

Walter Baron von Richthofen

Source: William W. Savage, Jr., ed. *Cowboy Life: Reconstructing an American Myth*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1975, p. 43-45.

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Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the quote.

Number 3



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Number 4

May 13th. Big thunder storm last night. Stampede. Lost 100 beeves. Hunted all day. Found 50. All tired. Everything discouraging.

May 14th. Concluded to cross Brazos [River]. Swam our cattle & horses & built raft and rafted our provisions & blankets &c. over. Swam river with rope & then hauled wagon over. Lost most of our kitchen furniture such as camp kittles, coffee pots, cups, plates, canteens, &c., &c.

July 25th. We left the beefe road & started due west across the wide prairie in the Indian Nation to try to go around Kansas & strike Iowa. I have 499 beeves. Travelled about 11 miles.

1866 Diary of George Duffield

Source: Dary, David. *Cowboy Culture: A Saga of Five Centuries*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1981, p. 177-181.

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Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the quote.

Number 5



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Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the photo.

Number 6



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Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the photo.

Number 7

“On one occasion, as we were guiding our weary herd along the trail, the big steers that always lead the herd saw a heap of earth and ran bellowing to it. They began to paw it with their forefeet and to toss the turf with their horns. We were unaware that they were destroying a human habitation until a woman came running out from an opening in the ground and fighting the steers frantically with her sun-bonnet. When she called on us to drive the cattle away, we hastened to the rescue, but it was too late. The roof of the dugout was caved in and the frontier home ruined.”

Baylis John Fletcher

Source: William W. Savage, Jr., ed. *Cowboy Life: Reconstructing an American Myth*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1975, p. 148-149.

Is this from a cattle drive or a roundup? Circle one:

Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the quote.

Number 8



Photo from the Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS archives.

Is this from a cattle drive or a roundup? Circle one:

Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the photo.

Number 9

“Besides the horse-races, which are, of course, the main attraction, the men...will often get up wrestling matches or foot-races. In fact, every one feels that he is off for a holiday; for after the monotony of a long winter, the cowboys look forward eagerly to...where the work is hard, it is true, but exciting and varied, and treated a good deal as a frolic. There is no eight-hour law in cowboy land...

Every morning certain riders are detached to drive and to guard the day herd, which is most monotonous work, the men being on from 4 in the morning till 8 in the evening, the only rest coming at dinner-time, when they change horses...”

Theodore Roosevelt

Source: Roosevelt, Theodore. *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*. Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 1888, p. 54, 65.

Is this from a cattle drive or a roundup? Circle one:

Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the quote.

Number 10



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Is this from a cattle drive or a roundup? Circle one:

Cattle Drive

Roundup

Why do you think so? Describe the clues you notice in the photo.
