

A cowboy's job

Two hundred years ago in North America, a huge area of grass covered most of the land. Because people wanted to eat meat, they kept cows on this land.

Cowboys were needed to move the cattle from one place to another. This could take months, so the cowboys lived and worked together and became friends.



A group of cowboys

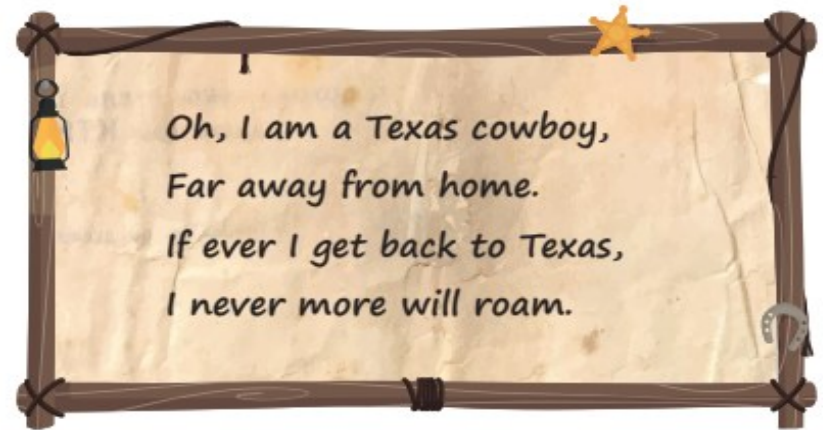
What covered most of the land in North America two hundred years ago?

What job did the cowboys do?

Why did cowboys become friends with each other?

Cowboys and their horses

Cowboys also became close to their horses. They could not do their job without horses and so a special bond grew between a cowboy and his horse. Horses had to carry bags, bedding, water bottles and a cowboy. Cowboys travelled so far with their horses that this became a song they often sang:



Texas is a place in North America where many cowboys were from.

Why did horses have to be strong?

Where is the cowboy in the song from?
