

# THE HISTORY OF BEEF CATTLE BREEDS

## TEXAS HISTORY QUIZ

1. Before 1800 the most important purpose of cattle was for:
  - a. Beef
  - b. Draft (as work animals)
  - c. Milk
  - d. As pets
2. In 1860, there were 31 million people in the U.S. and \_\_\_\_\_ cattle estimated to be in Texas.
  - a. 100
  - b. 2,600
  - c. 26 million
  - d. None
3. Brahman cattle had a major influence on the beef cattle industry in Texas. Why?
  - a. They were best suited for the hot and humid climate.
  - b. They looked cool on ranches across Texas.
  - c. They produced the best quality meat.
  - d. They were able to tolerate higher altitudes.
4. Before the railroad, how did ranchers get their cattle to market?
  - a. On cattle trucks
  - b. Cattle drives
  - c. Through barbed wire
  - d. On stage coaches
5. In 1878, Gus Swift created the first practical refrigerated rail car, an accomplishment that changed the meat industry drastically. This means that:
  - a. Passengers could finally travel comfortably during the Summer.
  - b. Numerous feed lots began popping up across Texas.
  - c. Fresh meat could be transported to urban centers in the Northeast.
  - d. None of the above.

6. After World War II, there was a surplus in \_\_\_\_\_, which led to the growth of the feed yard industry.
- Calves
  - Genetics
  - Beef
  - Cheap grains
7. The Panhandle region of Texas is the most populated commercial cattle-feeding area in the world.
- True
  - False
8. Advances in technology will shape the future of the cattle industry. Future applications of this technology will likely improve what?
- Genetics of cattle
  - Disease resistance
  - Marbling of beef cuts
  - All of the above
  - None of the above
9. In what decade did ranchers begin to import European cattle breeds to increase the size of cattle?
- 1700
  - 1900
  - 1950
  - 1970
10. British Shorthorn cattle were imported to the eastern United States in:
- 1493
  - 1783
  - 1984
  - 1990