



RANCH LIFE SERIES | BOOK 1

"Ranching & Livestock" | Curriculum Guide

"Howdy, Educators!"

Welcome to the Book 1: Ranch Life Series, "Ranching and Livestock" with Hank the Cowdog (by John R. Erickson) Curriculum Guide. The following pages contain science and social studies activities designed to coordinate with chapters in the book. These 10 activities can be treated as stand-alone supplement/enrichment activities for your classroom's curriculum OR can be taught sequentially as a total Ranch Life unit. Activities can be completed by individual students or within student groups, with no minimum/maximum number of students required.*

BONUS MATERIALS can be found at ranchlifelearning.com, including downloadable PDFs of all resources provided as master copies in this book. *(Please note: All PDF resources must print at Actual Size, not Fit.)*

– TO USE THIS GUIDE –

1. Each lesson is separated by an **ACTIVITY DIVIDER**, a tabbed, quick-reference that includes:
 - Activity Number & Title
 - Ranch Life Book Number/Chapter Reference for Activity
 - Content Area
 - Topic(s)
 - Objective(s)
 - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (or TEKS)
2. An **EDUCATOR GUIDE** that includes for each activity a:
 - Materials List
 - Instructions for Educator
 - Reading Strategy (*chapter and page references*)
3. A **SECURITY BRIEFING** - student instruction sheet presented as "Words of Wisdom" from Hank the Cowdog. This sheet includes an overview of the activity, including any key words/phrases and additional instructions. It can be used as a "station card" for students working in groups.
4. **RESOURCES** - master copies for activity preparations (*referenced in ALL CAPS within activity instructions*), also available for PDF download at ranchlifelearning.com.
5. **THE BOTTOM LINE** - student worksheet to be completed at the end of the activity (*either individually or in small groups*)

*Activity 10 must be played with a minimum of 10 students.

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About the Curriculum Authors

Educators **Jenny Gaona** and **Michelle Sedberry** are the creative minds behind this guidebook. Sedberry is a Science specialist and Gaona is a Social Studies specialist. The cross-curricular chemistry between these two master educators makes this guidebook a one-of-a-kind resource for educators.

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