



RANCH LIFE SERIES WITH HANK THE COWDOG

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- BOOK 3 -
RANCH WILDLIFE
Activity Guide

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*Howdy, educators! Welcome to the Activity Guide for **BOOK 3: RANCH WILDLIFE** of the **RANCH LIFE SERIES WITH HANK THE COWDOG** by John R. Erickson.*

The following pages contain science and social studies activities along with reading strategies designed to coordinate with chapters in the book. These 9 activities can be treated as stand-alone supplement/enrichment activities for your classroom 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.

Instructions on how to use this Activity Guide can be found on the following page.

BONUS MATERIALS can be found at ranchlifelearning.com and includes downloadable PDFs of resources provided as master copies in this book. *(Please note: All PDF resources must print at 100% not fit to page.)*

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— To Use This Guide —

BOOK 3: RANCH WILDLIFE



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
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*).

Want more?

Visit ranchlifelearning.com for additional Ranch Life Series with Hank the Cowdog educational resources, including instructional videos and sample projects.

About the Activity Guide Authors

Educators Michelle Sedberry and Jenny Gaona are the creative minds behind this guidebook. Michelle Sedberry is a science specialist and Jenny Gaona is a social studies specialist. Jenny and Michelle have a combined 40 years of experience in the classroom and designing curriculums and classroom activities for their content areas of expertise. The cross-curricular chemistry between these two master educators makes this guidebook a one-of-a-kind resource for educators.

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