



ACTIVITY 3

Choose Your Own Adventure Book

RANCH LIFE SERIES / BOOK 1 / RANCHING AND LIVESTOCK

Chapter 4

Content Area:

Social Studies

Topic:

Choose Your Own Adventure

Objective:

Students will compare needs and wants as they learn how a ranch makes a profit.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS):

K.6A, K.6B, K.6C, 1.7A, 1.8B, 1.8C, 1.10B, 2.10A, 2.10B, 3.7A,
3.7B, 3.8A, 3.8B, 4.10B, 4.12A, 4.12E, 5.12A, 5.12B, 5.13B



Choose Your Own Adventure Book

CONTENT AREA: Social Studies

TOPICS: Economics

ACTIVITY MATERIALS:

- SECURITY BRIEFING (page A3-2): 1 per student or student group
- CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK: "WILL HANK GET TO EAT?" (pages A3-3 to A3-12): Copy/Print PDF front & back, staple bind, 1 book per student or student group.

Please note the instructions regarding production of the different versions of the resource below:

* If copying from Curriculum Guide:

- Duplex copy pages A3-3 to A3-12 (2-Sided to 2-Sided, Flip Side: Long)
- Fold each page in the middle, put pages in order, staple twice on the fold to bind book together

* If printing from the downloadable PDF for Activity 3:

- PAGES TO PRINT: 5-14
- PAGE SIZING & HANDLING: Actual Size (not Fit)
- LAYOUT/FINISH: Print Type - 2 Sided; Binding Position - LEFT Bind
- Fold each page in the middle, put pages in order, staple twice on the fold to bind book together

- THE BOTTOM LINE (pages A3-14): Copy/Print PDF, 1 per student or student group

READING STRATEGY:

Students will read Chapter 4 (pages 11-22) before completing the activity.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Give each student (or student group) the CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK: "WILL HANK GET TO EAT?"
- Have students read through the book to make choices for Sally May and Loper. Encourage them to try again and again until Hank gets to eat.

STUDENT SKILLS ASSESSMENT:

- Have students (or student groups) complete THE BOTTOM LINE worksheet at the end of the activity.

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SECURITY BRIEFING –

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM HANK THE COWDOG:

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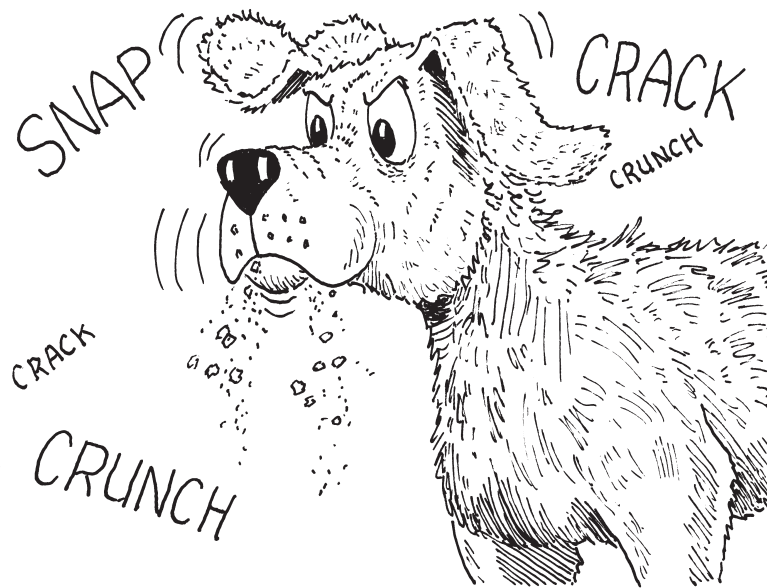
Sally May and Loper have to make sure all of the ranch's **needs** (feeding Hank) are taken care of, before they purchase their **wants** (Loper's fancy spurs). Help Sally May and Loper make good choices as you read through the book. Remember, the most important **need** of the ranch is to keep the Head Of Ranch Security well fed!

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read through the HANK THE COWDOG CHOOSE YOUR OWN ACTIVITY BOOK "WILL HANK EAT?" and make decisions for Loper and Sally Mae.
2. Think about your budget as you make decisions that will affect the entire ranch.

WRAP UP:

Fill out THE BOTTOM LINE worksheet after you have completed the activity.





RANCH LIFE WITH HANK THE COWDOG

**CHOOSE YOUR
OWN ADVENTURE!**



Will Hank Eat?

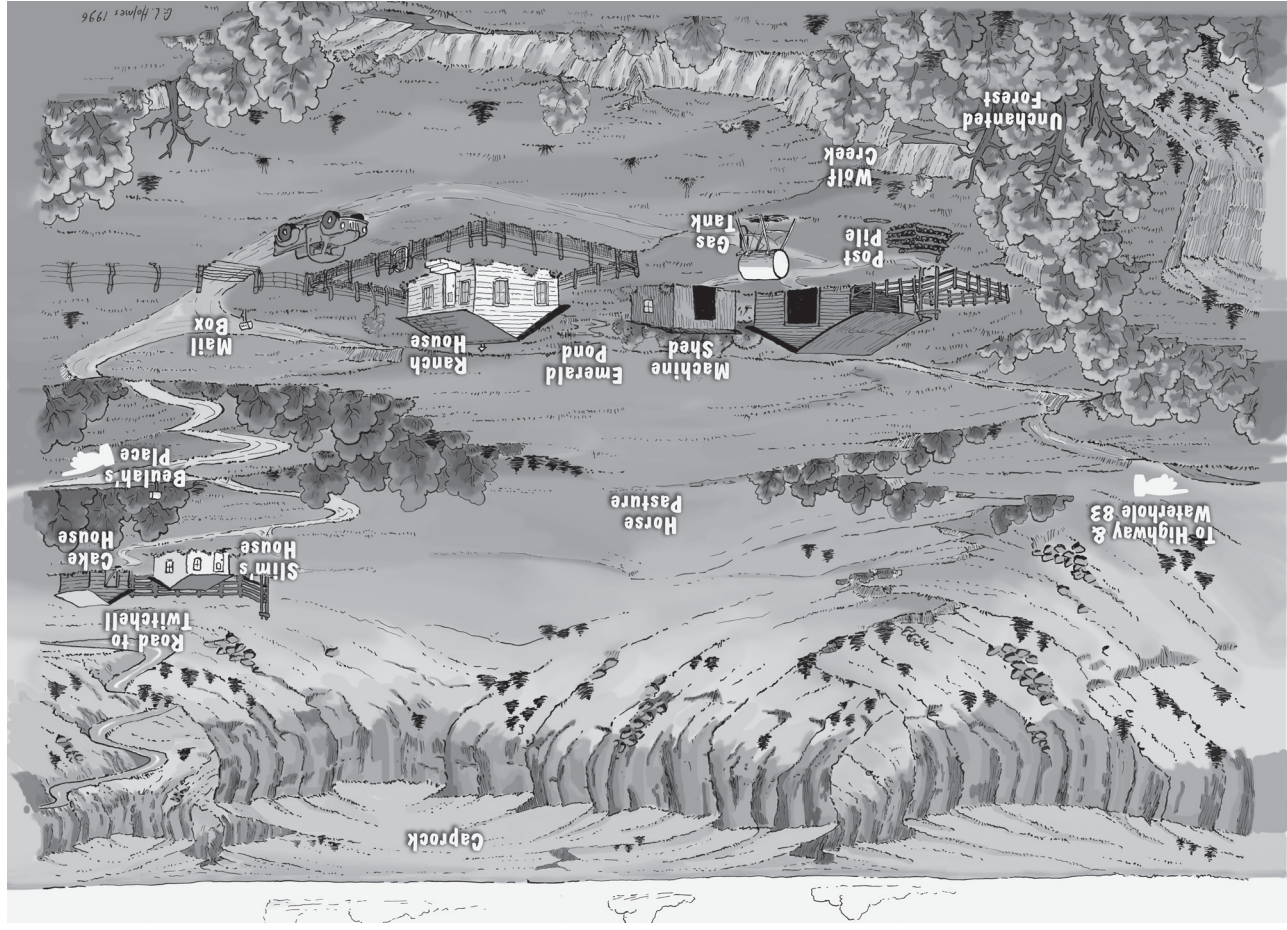


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— Hank the Condog —





Sally May
and Loper fill
Hank's food bowl
to overflowing.

HANK GETS
TO EAT!

GREAT JOB!

The ranch is successful!

Sally May and Loper
are thinking about
purchasing land and livestock
and becoming ranchers.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

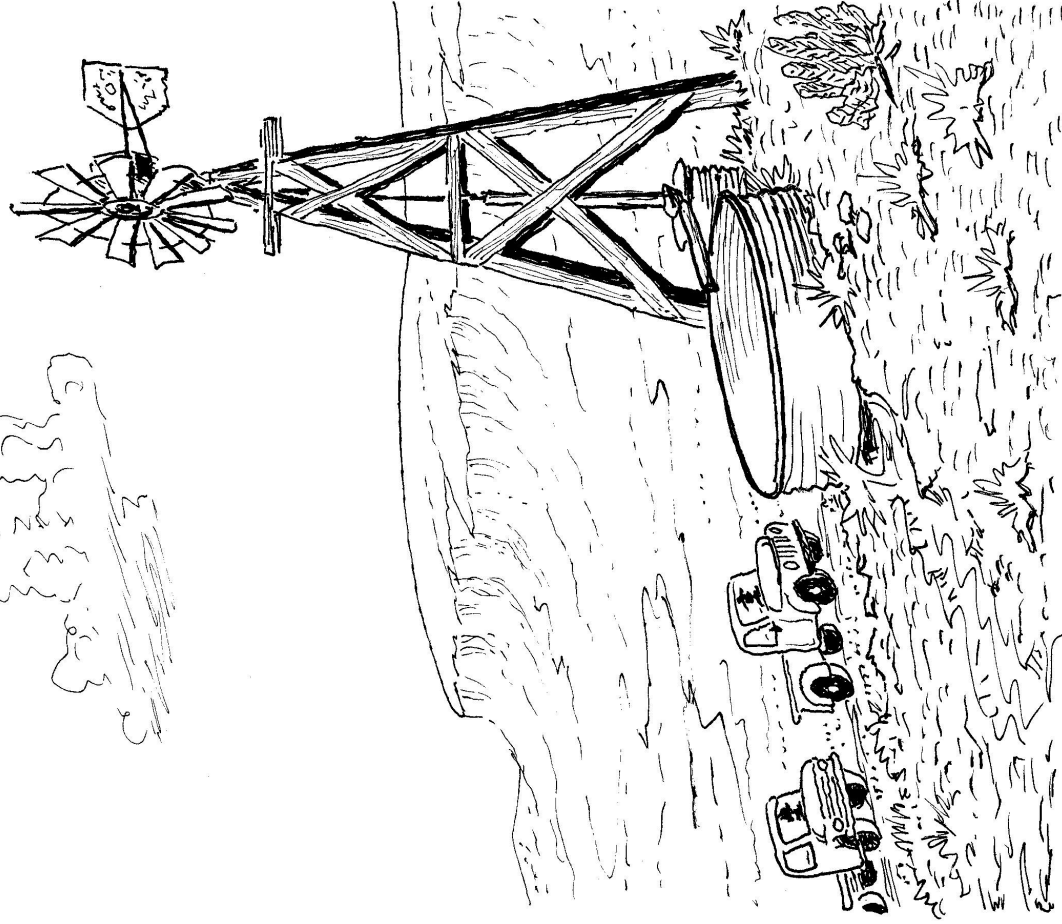
After carefully considering their options,
they get a loan from a bank and use the
money to rent land and run a ranch.

Turn to Page 3

OPTION 2

They decide ranching is too risky
and choose to stay in the city, instead.

Turn to Page 11



All of the horses do not
fit into the barn and have
to stay outdoors in the
corral. Five horses run off
during a lightning storm!

Seven cowboys leave the
ranch because they could
make more money working
for another rancher.

* TURN TO PAGE 11 *

Did Sally May and Loper make a profit on their ranch this year? The total money they borrowed from the bank was \$1,000,000.00.

RANCH EXPENSES

Land	\$40,000
Cattle	\$600,000
Feed	\$450
Pickup	\$25,000
Stock Trailer	\$50,000
Cowboys	\$100,000

OPTION 1

Yes, their expenses were less than what they borrowed and they have money left over.

Tutu ta Page 8

OPTION 2

No, expenses were greater than the loan amount, and now they're in debt.

Tutu ta Page 11

How many acres should Sally May and Loper lease? They have a land budget of \$40,000. Lease for the land is \$5 per acre, per year.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

Rent 7,500 acres of land.

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OPTION 2

Rent 9,000 acres of land.

Tutu ta Page 11



Loper goes to the bank
and asks if he can
borrow more money.

The bank says NO.

It looks like you have
made a choice that
will lose money.

* TURN TO PAGE 11 *

Sally May and Loper
head to the spring market
to sell their calves.
The cattle market is high.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

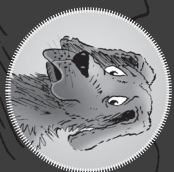
It's a great time to sell to make a larger profit.
Sally May and Loper sell 200 calves for
\$1,000 each.

Turn to Page 14

OPTION 2

Sally May and Loper decide against
selling any calves at this time.

Turn to Page 11



Sally May and Loper
bought too many bulls
and not enough cows.

They do not have enough
calves in the spring to
sell and make a profit.

Sally May and Loper
are not able to pay back
their loan from the bank.

* TURN TO PAGE 11 *

Sally May and Loper
need to buy both bulls and
cows for their ranch.
They need to decide how
many of each they will need.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

**Sally May and Loper buy
150 bulls and 150 cows.**

Turn to Page 12

OPTION 2

**Sally May and Loper buy
280 cows and 20 bulls.**

Turn to Page 6

Sally May and Loper
need to check their cattle,
but can't do it on their own.
They will need some help.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

Sally May and Loper buy 15 horses and will pay for 15 cowboys room and board.

Turn to Page 15

OPTION 2

Sally May and Loper buy a pickup truck and a stock trailer. They also employ two cowboys to work on the ranch.

Turn to Page 9



Sally May and Loper
do not make enough money
to feed their cowndog.

HANK HAS TO
GOES HUNGRY!

OH, NO!

Start over and try again?

* TURN TO PAGE 1 *

Sally May and Loper have to decide on how much feed they are going to buy for the cows on their ranch to make it through the winter months. Feed costs \$150 per month.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

Sally May and Loper carefully calculate what is needed, and decide to buy \$450 worth of feed.

Turn to Page 13

OPTION 2

Sally May and Loper take a guess and only buy \$100 worth of feed.

Turn to Page 7



Sally May and Loper realize they do not have enough feed for winter.

* TURN TO PAGE 11 *



Sally May and Loper
make a profit and
have a successful year
on the ranch.

They are already making
plans for next year!

* TURN TO PAGE 16 *

Fall has come and
Sally May and Loper
have to make some decisions.
The grass has stopped
growing and has no nutritional
value for the cattle.
The cattle market is low.

What should they do?

OPTION 1

Sally May and Loper would prefer to get a higher price on their cattle, so they decide not to sell until the market changes.

Turn to Page 10

OPTION 2

Sally May and Loper believe selling some of the cattle will allow them to better care for the cattle that remain on the ranch.

Turn to Page 4



Choose Your Own Adventure



NAME: _____ DATE: _____

THE BOTTOM LINE

Sally May and Loper make a lot of decisions as they run their ranch. These choices can impact the most vital *needs* of a cattle ranch, such as, what are you going to feed your cowdog? Were you able to be successful and help Sally May and Loper make a *profit* on their cattle ranch?

Answer the questions below:

1. What was the most difficult decision you had to make in the book?
2. What decisions would have made the ranch fail? Explain.
3. What decisions would have helped the ranch succeed? Explain.
4. Did the ranch make a profit? Explain.
5. What recommendations would you give Sally May and Loper for next year?

