

Home On The Range

Objective: To share the rich ranching history of San Diego County and shed insight on what life was like as a cowboy.

Key Take Aways:

- Cowboys and Cattlemen needed to care for their herds while driving them to the next stop.
- Our current, local cattlemen still use traditional ranching techniques to help care for their cattle.
- Even though cattle covered much of the county, today they can be found in the San Diego Backcountry.

Outline – 30-Minute Lesson

Introduction To Cowboy Gear – 5 Minutes

Call on 1 student to dress as up as a cowboy

- Introduce and explain the uses of the items
 - Hat
 - Rope
 - Chaps
 - Boots

Life On The Range – 10 Minutes

- Show Video Clip of Cowboys Driving Cows
- Explain cows = money so it is of the utmost importance to protect and care for the animals
- Optional Activity – Cowboy Interview
- Explain to duties of:
 - Trail Boss
 - Cowboy
 - Wrangler
 - Cook
- Hold a mock interview for these jobs.

The Cattle Drive – 5 Minutes

- Show traditional US cattle trail maps and the San Diego Trail Map

Activity – Cattle Drive, Ball Round Up or Mock Branding