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THREE LEVEL STUDY GUIDE: RANCHING AND FARMING

INSTRUCTIONS: Scan the statements on this study guide before reading pages 522 to 528. Then, during or after reading, place a check mark in the space next to each statement with which you agree. Be sure to be able to refer to the text to support your choices whether you agree with a statement or not.

LEVEL I: RIGHT THERE ON THE PAGE

- ___ 1. Beef cattle roamed freely around the plains of Texas before the 1860's, but no one bothered to round them up.
- ___ 2. Cowhands in the old west lived uncomfortable and dangerous lives.
- ___ 3. Farmers in the old west lived uncomfortable and dangerous lives.
- ___ 4. Plains farmers usually built their homes out of dirt held together by grass roots.
- ___ 5. Since they lived great distances from towns and cities, most families depended on women to provide for the sick, and to make necessary items like clothes, blankets, soap, and preserved food.
- ___ 6. The Oklahoma land rush of 1889 marked the end of free land given by the U.S. government to people who were willing to farm it.

LEVEL II: READING BETWEEN THE LINES

- ___ 7. First came the cowboys, then came the farmers and miners to settle the vast western lands of the United States great plains region.
- ___ 8. The language of the typical cowhand would be understandable to a person who speaks Spanish.
- ___ 9. The area between Texas and Montana was basically one giant cattle ranch from 1860 to 1890.
- ___ 10. People who moved west to farm land by raising crops were more encouraged by the U.S. government to do so than the cattle ranchers had been.
- ___ 11. Cattle ranchers got along fine with sheep ranchers and farmers because they could sell their beef to them.
- ___ 12. The life of a farmer was usually more difficult than the life of a cowboy.

LEVEL III: READING BEYOND THE LINES

- ___ 13. "The early bird gets the worm."
- ___ 14. "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."
- ___ 15. In the last part of the 19th century, Chicago became the livestock capital of the country.
- ___ 16. Congressional representatives from Texas probably voted against the Homestead Act of 1862.