

Name _____



Cowboy Life Cloze

Directions: Read the passage below and fill in each blank using words from the Word Bank. Use each word only once.

cattle

boots

rope

roundup

saddle

herd

trail

dusty

ranch

campfire

A Day in the Saddle

Life as a cowboy in the American West was busy and full of responsibility. Most cowboys worked on a _____, helping take care of animals and riding long distances on horseback. Early in the morning, they put on their sturdy _____ and prepared for the day. Sometimes they had to gather the _____ together in a big _____ so they didn't wander off.

Much of a cowboy's time was spent guiding a _____ across wide plains on a long journey. The ground could be dry and _____, and the work was often tiring. Cowboys needed strong horses and a secure _____ to stay steady while riding. They always carried a _____ to catch animals that strayed from the group. After a long day, the cowboys rested near a _____, where they ate and shared stories under the stars.