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Black Cowboys

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3. What is a bronco-buster?
4. Look at the picture in the top left again. Do the people all seem equal? Do you think they work well together? Look carefully at the way they are posed, their body language, and their clothes to answer these questions.

Bill Pickett

5. What happened to Bill in 1971?

6. What did Bill invent? _____
What is this?

7. What are the names of two famous people who were Bill's assistants?

Nat Love

8. When he was born, Nat was a _____ in Tennessee.

9. Nat was hired as a _____.

10. What does a cowpuncher do?

11. Where did his nickname come from?

12. What did Nat do when he stopped being a cowboy?

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1. Look at the picture of the group of cowboys at the top left of the page, and describe what you see:

Group of men; cowboy clothes- hats, chaps, button up shirts; different races- black, white, maybe latino; some sitting on horses; building under construction behind them

2. Read the passage under the cowboy picture. Why did black men become cowboys?

Not as much prejudice on the job

3. What is a bronco-buster?

Person who rode a wild horse until it was tame

4. Look at the picture in the top left again. Do the people all seem equal? Do you think they work well together? Look carefully at the way they are posed, their body language, and their clothes to answer these questions.

Students may write: Everyone seems to be equal because all standing together in a group, seem relaxed, even though some are crossing their arms are standing slouched, white men on same level with everyone else (standing or sitting on horses), all clothes look similar

Bill Pickett

5. What happened to Bill in 1971?

1st black cowboy admitted to Cowboy Hall of Fame

6. What did Bill invent? **Bull-dogging**

What is this?

At a rodeo, a cowboy wrestles a steer off its feet

Answer Key

7. What are the names of two famous people who were Bill's assistants?

Will Rogers, Tom Mix

Nat Love

8. When he was born, Nat was a slave in Tennessee.

9. Nat was hired as a cowpuncher

10. What does a cowpuncher do?

Drives/moves cowboys from one place to another

11. Where did his nickname come from?

The name of a city in South Dakota

12. What did Nat do when he stopped being a cowboy?

Became a porter