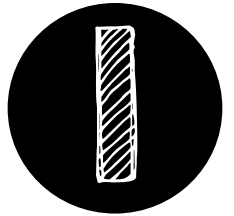


Find and Analyze TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

LEARNING STATION



1. Read the passage below.
2. Then, fill in the chart with textual evidence and an analysis of the evidence for each question on the other worksheet at this station.
3. Share your responses with members of your group when you are finished.

Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Every January thousands of cowboys and their families gather around to share and listen to poetry in Elko, Nevada. This special roundup is called the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering. It's where cowboy poets, musicians, and actors show off their creative sides. The very first festival was held in 1985. About 40 poets gathered and shared poems with an audience of nearly 1,000 spectators. Today, the event has grown into a much larger gathering.

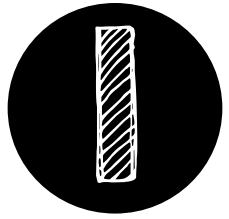
The Cowboy Poetry Gathering has been described as the most honest and open-hearted festival in America. It's where rough and tough cowboys share poems in a variety of styles and topics. Some poems are about the solitude of their work, animals, nature, or even the code of the West. Other poems address larger issues like violence or human rights.

While poetry is a large part of the gathering, there are a variety of other events. Attendees can participate in dancing, workshops and there's plenty of music to enjoy.

This modern celebration of poetry and the cowboy life honors traditions that date back to the 1870s. In the past cowboys wrote poems to express their values and recognize their experiences while herding cattle along the trails of the West. Today, cowboys share some of the same experiences in a brand new way.

Name _____

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Remember to use transition words and phrases to introduce the textual evidence and your analysis!

EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT	ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE
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What is special about the Cowboy Poetry Gathering?

EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT

ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE

Why might the gathering be described as the “most honest and open-hearted festival in America?”

EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT

ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE

How do the current traditions of the festival honor the cowboys of the past?

EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT

ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE