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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why would the cowboys fear stampedes?
 - Ⓐ They could be killed.
 - Ⓑ They would have to catch the cows again.
 - Ⓒ The cows or the men might be trampled.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. What are **vaqueros**?
 - Ⓐ men who owned ranches
 - Ⓑ Mexicans who were the first cowboys
 - Ⓒ new people who moved West
 - Ⓓ leg coverings wore by cowboys for protection
3. When the cowboy's life as a cowboy was over, where did some of them find work?
 - Ⓐ as sheriffs and deputies
 - Ⓑ as newspaper reporters in the West
 - Ⓒ as entertainers with the Wild West Show
 - Ⓓ as models for vests, jeans, hats and boots
4. What was the best way to stop a stampede?
 - Ⓐ make the cows on the outside run in a circle
 - Ⓑ make all the cows stop running forward
 - Ⓒ kill the cows in the front
 - Ⓓ make the cows run into a town
5. Read this sentence: *Supplies had to be **nonperishable**.* What does **nonperishable** mean?
 - Ⓐ spoils easily
 - Ⓑ is easily cooked
 - Ⓒ keeps fresh a long time
 - Ⓓ needs to be kept cool
6. Why would it be helpful if the cook was a good hunter?
 - Ⓐ He could keep the coyotes and bears away from the cows.
 - Ⓑ He would be able to get more nutritious food to cook.
 - Ⓒ He would have something to do during the day.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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7. What were **rustlers**?
 - Ⓐ ranch owners
 - Ⓑ people who stole cows
 - Ⓒ cowboys who didn't do their job
 - Ⓓ doctors who rode with the cowboys
8. When the cowboys first started working, there were no fences across the West. Why not?
 - Ⓐ There were so few people living there.
 - Ⓑ Everyone wanted to share each other's cows.
 - Ⓒ The cows stayed together in their herds away from other cows.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. How were the real cowboys' lives different from the way western movies made them out to be?
 - Ⓐ Their life was lonely.
 - Ⓑ Their job was exhausting.
 - Ⓒ They didn't spend time in shootouts.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. Why would cowboys stand guard at night?
 - Ⓐ to protect the herd from rustlers
 - Ⓑ to protect the herd from thieves or attackers
 - Ⓒ to keep cattle from running away
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** What two inventions ended the era of the cowboy? Explain how each affected the cowboy.
12. **Extended Response:** Why did the author write this book?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Yee Haw! The Real Lives of the Cowboys

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following:
the railroad ended the need to drive cattle miles across the country, and barbed wire kept cows on the ranchers' land, so rounding them up wasn't necessary.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following idea:
the author wrote this book to give information about the history of real cowboys.