
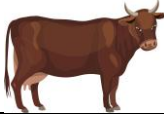






ANSWER KEY | HEARTS AND CROSSES

PRE-READING ACTIVITY 1: VOCABULARY ABOUT LIFE ON A RANCH

Words	Definitions
1. Cowboy 	<u>5</u> A state located in south-central United States
2. Cattle 	<u>4</u> The main house on a ranch where the owner lives
3. Iron tool (branding iron) 	<u>1</u> A man who rides a horse and whose job it is to take care of the cattle and horses
4. Ranch house 	<u>3</u> A device that when heated burns a mark into the skin of the cow to show who owns it
5. Texas 	<u>6</u> A person who is in charge of a group of cowboys
6. Foreman 	<u>2</u> Cows, bulls and steers that are kept on a ranch for milk and meat

PRE-READING ACTIVITY 2: FOCUS ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FEATURES

PART 1: FIND THE VERBS AND GUESS THE TENSE

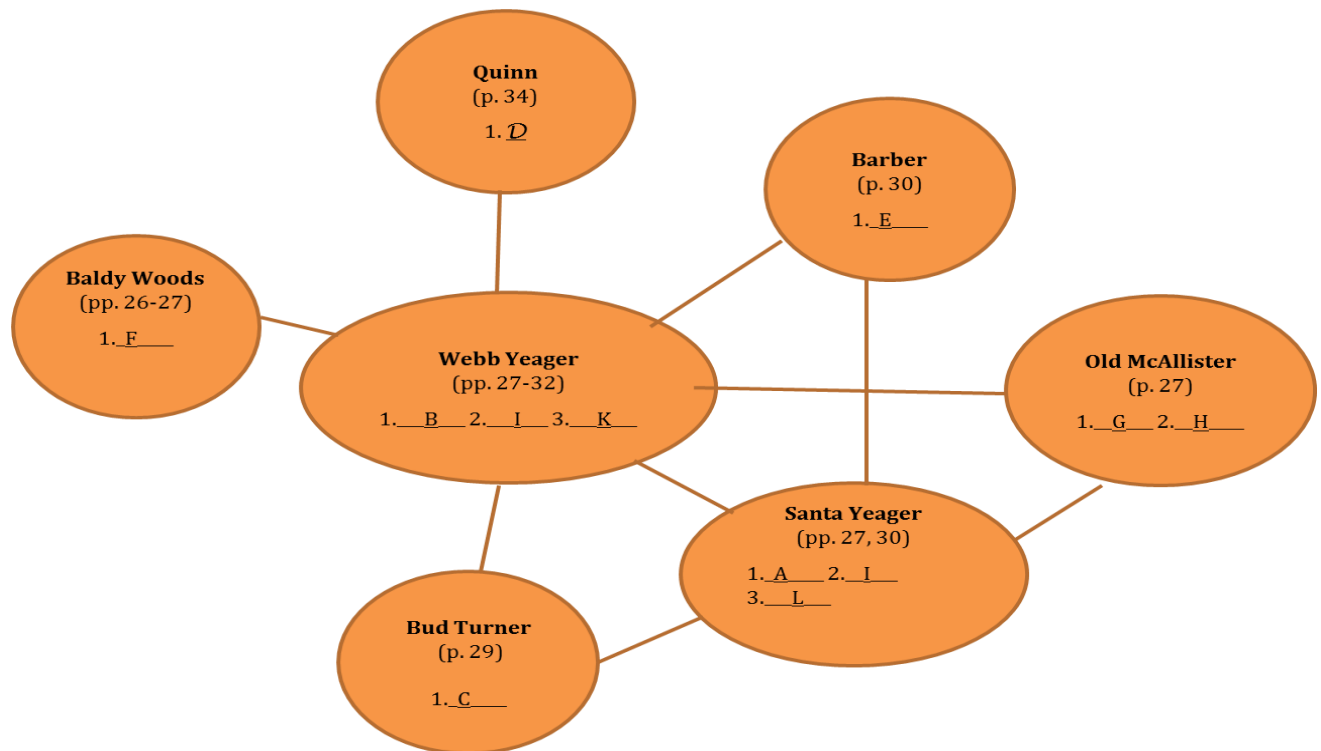
All the underlined verbs are in the simple past tense.

Webb Yeager moved his wide hat back on his head. He put his fingers in his yellow hair and moved it about. It now looked wilder than before. But this did not help him to think better. And therefore he also got another drink.

Part 3: Fill in the blanks

1. In the middle of the night Santa went quietly out of the ranch house.
2. Later she came out with some strange iron tool in one hand. In the other hand she carried something that held a small fire.
3. He asked the same question he had asked almost a year ago.
4. He had cowboys with him to help with the English cattle.
5. The horseman entered the house.
6. And now Santa caught that white animal as cowboys catch cattle.
7. The two men prepared to separate.
8. One day, a man named Bartholomew stopped at the Nopalito ranch house.

WHILE-READING ACTIVITY 1: RELATIONSHIP NETWORK



WHILE-READING ACTIVITY 2: MAKING A STORY STRUCTURE MAP

Answers may vary.

Story Structure Map

Title:

Hearts and Crosses

Main Characters:

Webb Yeager and Santa McAllister Yeager

Setting:

The Nopalito Ranch and the Seco Ranch in Texas

Problem (pp. 26-28):

Webb wanted to be the head of the ranch.

Events

1. At the restaurant (pp. 26-27)

Webb drank with Baldy and got some ideas from him.



2. At the Nopalito Ranch (p. 30)

Webb disagreed with Santa on business.



3. At the Nopalito Ranch (p. 31)

Webb left the Nopalito Ranch and went to work as foreman at the Seco Ranch.



6. Resolution (p. 33-34):

Webb saw the heart and cross sign on the cow and hurried back to the Nopalito Ranch.



5. At the Nopalito Ranch (p. 33)

Santa marked the heart and cross sign on a white cow so Webb would know she wanted him to come home.



4. At the Nopalito Ranch (p. 32)

Santa was contacted by Webb about purchasing cattle for the Seco Ranch.

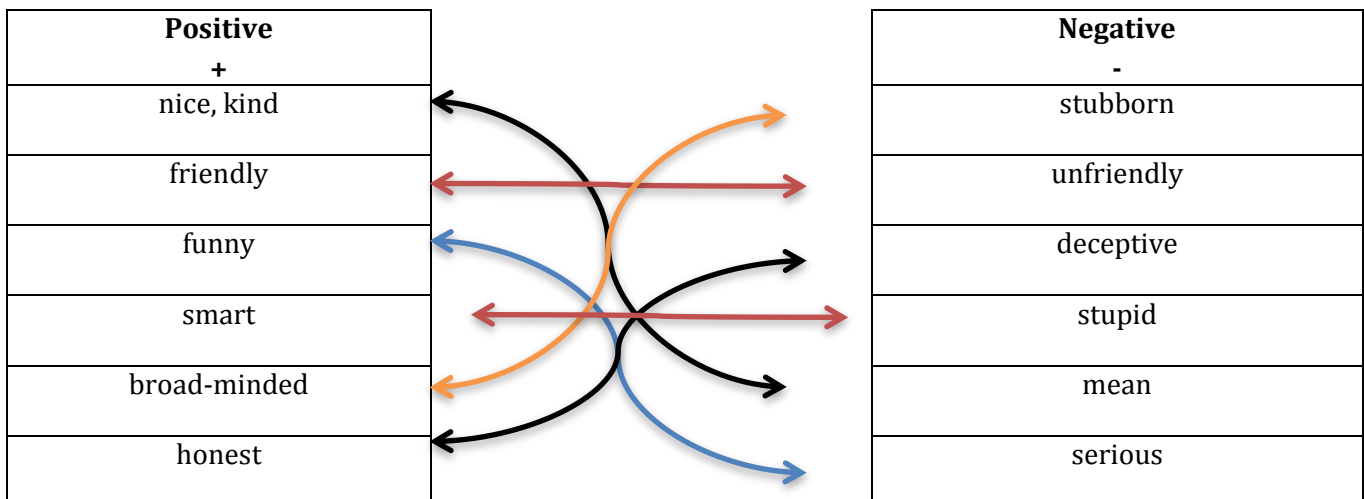
POST-READING ACTIVITY 1: FOLLOW THE HEART AND CROSS SIGN

Answers may vary.

Page Number	People Involved	Moment When the Sign Was Mentioned
p. 28	Baldy and Webb	Webb and Baldy talked about the sign when they <i>stopped to say goodbye at Dry Lake.</i>
p. 29	Santa and Webb	Santa sent the sign to Webb when she <i>was sick.</i>
p. 34	Quinn and Wilson	Quinn noticed the sign on the white cow after Webb <i>went back to the Nopalito Ranch.</i>

POST-READING ACTIVITY 2: CHARACTER TRAIT WEB

PART 1: DESCRIPTIVE WORDS



PART 2: CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Answers may vary.

	Character's Actions	Character's Qualities
Webb Yeager	"Goodbye, Baldy," said Webb. "I'm glad I saw you and had this talk." (p. 29)	<i>kind/friendly</i>
	Webb says to Old McAllister: "And now you can start killing me. You have plenty of time. I haven't anything to fight with." (p. 29)	<i>stubborn/honest</i>
	"I was wrong," said Webb Yeager. "I was a – and he named a small animal with a bad smell, an animal no one likes." (p. 34)	<i>honest</i>

	Character's Actions	Character's Qualities
Santa Yeager	"It's our sign," she said. "Hearts and crosses. To love and to suffer – that's what they mean." (p. 29)	<i>kind/smart</i>
	"Let's say no more about it. What are you waiting for, Bud?" (p. 30)	<i>stubborn/mean</i>
	"I wish you success," she said, with a sudden coldness. (p. 31)	<i>serious/unfriendly</i>