



## Cowboys of the Open Range

### Glossary

Source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

**Barbed wire** (noun): twisted wires armed with barbs or sharp points—called also barbwire

**Brand** (noun): a mark made by burning with a hot iron to attest manufacture or quality or to designate ownership

**Breeding** (verb): to propagate (plants or animals) sexually and usually under controlled conditions <bred several strains of corn together to produce a superior variety>

**Culture** (noun): the integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon man's capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations

**Graze** (verb): to feed on growing herbage, attached algae, or phytoplankton

**Gramma** (noun): any of several pasture grasses (genus *Bouteloua*) of the western U.S.

**Market** (noun): a geographical area of demand for commodities or services

**Molasses** (noun): the thick dark to light brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture

**Range** (noun): an open region over which animals (as livestock) may roam and feed

**Reservation** (noun) a tract of land set apart by the federal government for a special purpose, especially one for the use of a Native American people.

**Roundup** (noun): the act or process of collecting animals (as cattle) by riding around them and driving them in

**Slaughter** (noun): the act of killing; specifically: the butchering of livestock for market

# Dakota Pathways



**Territory** (noun): a geographical area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority

**Wrangler** (noun): short for horse-wrangler, probably part translation of Mexican Spanish caballerango groom]: a ranch hand who takes care of the saddle horses; broadly: cowboy

**Yearling** (noun): an animal one year old or in the second year of its age