

## Chapter 12 Guide Part II

- Note: **Cattle raising** became an important industry in Texas because cattle was very valuable. Cattle worth \$4.00 in Texas could be sold for \$40.00 in large cities east such as Chicago or New York City.
- Note: **Prospector**: A person who searches for gold, silver, or other valuable minerals. Mining camps grew very quickly: Boom Towns: When gold was discovered on Native American Land (Reservations), miners would trespass and fighting would break out.

Cowhands: Difficulties	Miners: Prospectors: Difficulties
1. Endured icy blizzards, dust storms, blazing heat, and tough living conditions.	1. Work was very dangerous. Poisonous gases deep in the earth.
2. Tough Living Conditions: Drive the cattle to the railroad lines. (Cattle transported east.)	2. Mines were very dark. (A lot of accidents.)
3. Cattle drive would last 2-3 months. (Many cattle would die.)	3. Sometimes the mines caved in and miners were trapped or crushed to death.
4. Water holes dried up because of weather conditions. Thousands of cattle died. Cowhand's life disappeared.	4. While many hoped to get rich quickly, few did.

- I. Boom Towns: Towns that grew over night.**
- A. Towns grew so quickly, there were usually no police officers to help enforce the law.
  - B. People angered by theft and violence often decided to deal with the criminals themselves.
  - C. Vigilante committees were formed. These committees hunted down lawbreakers and sometimes had them hanged or shot without a trial.
  - D. Opposite of modern times: (2004) You have a trial and are only guilty when you are proven guilty in a court of law.
- II. The Grange:**
- A. Farming on the Great Plains was so much harder than the homesteaders thought. Farmers would unite with one another to help with their farming problems.
  - B. **Problems:** Railroads were charging extremely high prices to ship crops. Farmers could not afford these high prices and if they couldn't sell their crops, they would go bad and the farmers would lose money.
  - C. **Solution:** Farmers would get together to solve their problems. (The Grange)

