

“Black Cowboy, Wild Horses”

Name: _____

COMPREHENSION

1. Where do both the opening and closing scenes take place?
2. What job does he set out to do?
3. What is something he doesn't know how to do? What does he do well?
4. Why doesn't he light a fire?
5. What does he do to finally take control of the herd?

VOCABULARY

6. Define *milled*.
7. Define *skittered*.
8. Define *quivering*.

ANALYZE the TEXT

9. Describe the environment.
10. What was most likely causing the “rolling, dusty clouds” he saw?
11. How is he similar to the horses?
12. What talent allows him to round up the horses alone?

CRAFT and STRUCTURE

13. What do we learn about his **background**?
14. What inner **conflict** does he face?
15. Describe the **climax** of the story.

WORD STUDY

16. Write both definitions of *plain*.
17. Write both definitions of *track*.

CONVENTIONS

18. Which verb tense shows an action happened in the past but continues now?
19. Write a future perfect tense verb.
20. Write the past perfect tense of *grow*.