

English

KS2

2016

Year 3 Reading Assessment Marking Scheme for Non-Fiction

question	answer	marks	notes
16.	Explain what a cowboy is.		
	men who often lived in the American west (during the 19th century)/men who lived/live and worked/work in open country on horseback/men who herded/herd and trailed/trail cattle across America	1	Content domain: 2a - give /explain the meaning of words in context. Award 1 mark for answers identifying that cowboys were men who often lived in the American west (during the 19th century)/men who lived/live and worked/work in open country on horseback/men who herded/herd and trailed/trail cattle across America.
17.	Why do you think cowboys found it difficult to find water?		
	cowboys lived in dry and often wild conditions/ there was little rain there	1	Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award 1 mark for answers identifying that cowboys lived in dry and often wild conditions where there was very little rain.
18.	Draw a line to match each heading with the correct information.		
	The Job of a Cowboy - The young men had to take the cattle on cattle drives. Cowboys - An introduction to the cowboys text. Living in the American West Many Years Ago - The cowboys had fun and were quick shooters. Cowboys in Films - 'Westerns' are still very popular today.	Up to 2	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph. Award 2 marks for three or four correct answers. Award 1 mark for two correct answers. Award 0 marks for one correct answer.
19.	Find and copy one phrase in the introduction that tells us that cowboys did not live in cities.		
	(The land where they lived was an) enormous open space...	1	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award 1 mark for the answer <i>(The land where they lived was an) enormous open space...</i>
20.	What is a 'trail drive'?		
	- long /tiring journeys with cattle - they were used for taking the cows to sell in other parts of the country	1	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award 1 mark for answers that refer to either of the points indicated.

21.	Name one characteristic a cowboy might have.		
	adventurous, hard-working, fun-loving etc.	1	Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award 1 mark for answers that refer to a character trait inferred to in the text: adventurous, hard-working, fun-loving etc. Do not accept a direct quote from the text.
22.	Fill in the table below.		
	Occupation	Cowboy	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award 2 marks for three correct answers. Award 1 mark for two correct answers. Award 0 marks for one correct answer. Do not accept hard, dry and often wild conditions, dying of thirst, wanting freedom or adventures
	Transport	horse(back)	
	Tasks that a Cowboy completed	Herding cows / guarding cows from rustlers / cattle trails / going on long journeys / selling cows	
	The Life of a Cowboy	Lonely / alone / using technology / training from the age of 12 or 13 / quick gun shooters / having fun / caused trouble / low pay / camping / looking after cows or cattle involved long and tiring work	
		Up to 2	
23.	Look at the paragraph headed How Did Cowboys Travel Around? Find and copy one phrase which shows that nobody knows for sure.		
	'It is said that'	1	Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award 1 mark for the answer 'It is said that'.
24.	They were companions on the long, lonely cattle trail drives... Draw a line to the word that is closest in meaning to the word companion .		
	partner	1	Content domain: 2d - make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text. Award 1 mark for the correct option indicated.
25.	Explain why young men might have wanted to become cowboys. Give two reasons.		

	- The chance to be alone - The desire for adventures e.g. having fun in towns, shooting guns - The love of (riding) animals e.g. horses, cattle	Up to 2	Content domain: 2c - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph. Award up to 2 marks for any two of the answers indicated.
26.	Name one piece of clothing that a cowboy wore.		
	- Big hats - Tall brown leather boots - Spurs	1	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award 1 mark for any of the answers indicated.
27.	Find and copy one word that means <i>small, jagged discs of metal</i> .		
	spurs	1	Content domain: 2a - give / explain the meaning of words in context. Award 1 mark for the answer 'spurs'.
28.	Name one actor who has played the role of a cowboy.		
	John Wayne or Clint Eastwood	1	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction. Award 1 mark for either John Wayne or Clint Eastwood.
		Total 16	