



Roaring Rapids School TEFL Student Writing Workbook

Chapter 5 Jake's Trip to Caldwell Crossing

Name: _____, Date _____

Vocabulary: Learn these words or phrases and add two of your choice from the story. Use a dictionary or Google Search. Write short definitions in your own words.

1. **errand** – _____

2. **supplies** – _____

3. **foreman** – _____

4. **buckboard** – _____

5. **hitching rail** – _____

6. _____ – _____

7. _____ – _____

Ranch Talk — Cowboy Partner Slang: “Pard” = cowboy slang for “partner” or “friend”.

Historical Civil War Nicknames — Old Western Humor and Slang not used today:

“Bluebelly” = Union soldier nickname given to them by Southern soldiers.

“Johnny Reb” = Confederate soldier nickname given to them by Northern soldiers.

In old Western stories, cowboys sometimes teased one another using historical Civil War nicknames. These names were sometimes used jokingly between friends and families who fought on opposite sides during and after the war. These expressions are very old, not common in modern speech, and are usually avoided today.

Comprehension Questions (Write answers to five questions and read them aloud)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Writing Task (5–10 Sentences) Choose ONE from the self-study handout, write your answer, and read aloud. Organize your ideas before writing.
