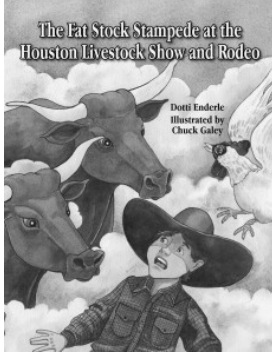


ACTIVITY GUIDE



The Fat Stock Stampede at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

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Pre-Reading

Looking at the cover, what do you think is happening? Does the main character look happy? Sad? Scared?

What is a stampede?

What is Livestock?

Language Arts

What are some things you might see at a rodeo? What activities take place there?

Did Jake open the livestock pens on purpose?

At one point, the vendors are covered in chickens. What is a vendor's job?

"Handsome" Hank Chipkicker was stopped by a blockade of swooning swine. What are swine? Why did they stop "Handsome" Hank?

What word is written on "Handsome" Hank's license plate?

When two bulls take over the Chili Cook-Off, they turn it vegetarian. What does vegetarian, mean? Why do you think the animals want the chili to be vegetarian?

How did Jake feel when he learned that it was his fault the animals had gotten out?

How did Jake scare the animals back into the livestock pens?

The gobblers flocked in a fury. What are gobblers?

Put these animal names in alphabetical order:

rooster
goat
pig
chicken
cow
horse
lamb
sheep
duck
hen

Math

On pages 12 and 13, the vendors are covered in chickens. How many kernels of popcorn can you count on those pages. How many would there be if the chickens ate 7 kernels? How many if they ate 9?

How many circles can you count on "Handsome" Hank's truck? How many rectangles?

How many clowns are in the clown car? Can that many clowns fit in a tiny car?

The rabbits on the rollercoaster are sitting in pairs. 2 rabbits in 3 cars equals how many rabbits?

Count the flags and banners throughout the book. Are there more than 5? Less than 20?

Science

What are some of the sounds you might hear at a rodeo? Can you imitate them? Which sounds would be the loudest? The softest?

A goat tries to eat the clown's pants. What other things might a goat eat?

On the last page, the horses end up on the stadium roof. Could horses really get up on the roof by themselves? If not, why not?

Which rodeo animals would be categorized as fowl?

Which rodeo animals are the fastest? The slowest?

Art Project

Using lunch sacks, construction paper, and glue, make a livestock puppet show.

Dramatic Play

Set three trash cans about the room to form a triangle. Pretending to ride a horse, have your own barrel races.

Set a stuffed animal on the floor, then standing a few feet away, try tossing a hula-hoop around the stuffed animal to lasso it.

Music

Change the words of "I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly" to "I Know An Old Cowboy Who Swallowed A Fly."

Fat Stock Vegetarian Chili

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 (15-16 oz.) cans of kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (12 oz.) tomato paste
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. chili powder (more if desired)
- 2 cups water

PREPARATION:

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a large pot; and simmer for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Serve with crackers.

Some Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Facts:

JANUARY, 1931

The Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition is established after seven men meet for lunch at the Texas State Hotel.

APRIL, 1932

The first Show is held at the Democratic Convention Hall.

1937

The Democratic Convention Hall is demolished — no Show is held while the Sam Houston Coliseum is being built.

1938

The Houston Fat Stock Show is held in the Sam Houston Coliseum for the first time.

The first rodeo, horse show and downtown parade are held in conjunction with the Show.

1942

Gene Autry, “the Singing Cowboy,” debuts as the first star entertainer.

The calf scramble event is added to the rodeo performance.

1957

Houstonian Ben Dickerson is presented the Show’s first major educational scholarship, a \$2,000 award.

1961

The organization’s name officially changes to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

1966

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo moves from the Sam Houston Coliseum to the Astrodome complex. The first performance in the new domed stadium draws 25,340 spectators, and attendance even tops 40,000 for one performance — almost five times the number of people the Coliseum could hold.

1970

Elvis Presley's Feb. 27 performance sets an all-time attendance record with 43,614 spectators in the Astrodome, a record that remains unchallenged until eight years later.

1994

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is broadcast for the first time ever on pay-per-view television.

1996

The Show celebrates 30 years at the Astrodome complex.

George Strait breaks the all-time individual turnstile attendance record at his Feb. 23 performance with 62,936 spectators.

2003

The 71st Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo celebrates its first year in its new homes: Reliant Stadium and Reliant Center.

2007

The Show celebrates its 75th anniversary.