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“Black Cowboy, Wild Horses”

1. A bluff is a high steep bank. Use the text and illustration on page 525 to describe what Bob can see from the bluff.
2. The author shows us that Bob’s life on the range is not easy. What clues from the text demonstrate this? (Pgs. 525-529)
3. Choose one of the similes or metaphors on page 525 and explain what it mean.
4. Reread page 526. What does it mean when the author says that Bob could not read words, but he could read the ground. What information was he able to attain by reading the ground? s.

5. Bob was anxious to see the mustangs, but he was patient and did not rush after them. Why?

6. What other traits describe Bob? Use evidence from his first day away from the corral, as he guides Warrior down the bluff, to support your answer. (Pg. 526)

7. How can we tell that Bob has herded wild mustangs many times before?

8. Which of Bob's traits is exemplified in the first two paragraphs on page 532? What examples in the text show us this?

9. Reread page 535. After the colt is killed by the rattlesnake, how does the author show that the horses are agitated by this incident? How does Bob use the death of the colt to his advantage?

10. How does the author show us that the Stallion (an adult male horse) is the leader of the herd? (Pgs. 530-535)

11. Reread page 537. In your own words describe how Bob took over the herd.

12. On page 529, the author uses similes that include words like grief, remorse (regret for a wrong committed) and fear. What are the similes and what might the author be telling us about Bob's life on the range?