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“Boss of the Plains”

1. What types of hats did settlers and travelers wear? Why was a hat important protection for settlers and travelers in the American West? (pg. 220-221)
2. When does the story take place? (p. 222)
3. What do we know about the main character, John Batterson Stetson? (p. 222)
4. The Stetsons made hats the same way hatters had done it for years: by pressing felt, made from wet fur and wool, over a wooden *form* to shape it. What does the word *form* mean? (p. 223)
5. What makes John decide to head West himself? (p. 224)

