



Roaring Rapids School TEFL Student Writing Workbook

Chapter 6 Colt Meets Caldwell

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. **stretcher bearer** – _____

2. **wounded** – _____

3. **battlefield** – _____

4. **divided** – _____

5. **range boss** – _____

6. _____ – _____

7. _____ – _____

Ranch Talk — Dropping the “g” in -ing Words (Old Western Speech)

In older Western-style English, people sometimes said:

askin' instead of **asking**

ridin' instead of **riding**

This is a relaxed, informal way of speaking.

In writing, the missing **g** is replaced with an apostrophe (').

At the Roaring Rapids Ranch, you will notice that cowboys and townsfolk sometimes speak this way in dialogue. This style is **not used in formal English today**, but it helps our stories feel historically authentic to the **1880s**.

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.

Extra Credit (Optional): Choose ONE or more of the Civil War generals mentioned in the chapter (Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, James Longstreet). Look them up and write 1-2 simple sentences in your own words the facts you learned.