# Vocabulary: The Wild West (non-fiction text)

Mississippi River	<b>Cattle Drive</b>
Pioneers	Herd
Outlaws	Wrangler
Lawmen	braggart
Ranching	

# Mississippi River (Proper Noun)

## **Definition:**

The **Mississippi River** is the chief **river** of the largest drainage system in North America. Flowing entirely in the United States, it rises in northern Minnesota and meanders slowly southwards for 2,530 miles to the **Mississippi River** Delta at the Gulf of Mexico.

Synonyms for river: Waterway Estuary



# Pioneer (noun)

#### **Definition:**

A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area.

- Synonyms
- settler
- Colonist
- Explorer
- trailblazer
- discoverer



# **Outlaw (noun)**

## **Definition:**

A person who has broken the law, especially one who remains at large or is a fugitive.

## Synonyms:

**Fugitive** 

**Outcast** 

**Bandit** 

Criminal

villian



# Lawmen (noun - plural)

## **Definition:**

A law-enforcement officers, especially a sheriff.

## Synonyms:

Constable

Detective

Police officer



# Ranching (verb)

## **Definition:**

- run a ranch. "cattle ranching"
- breed (animals) on a ranch. we've ranched cows"
- use (land) as a ranch.- "we've ranched this area for almost two decades"

# Synonyms: farming



# Cattle drive (noun)

## **Definition:**

A **cattle drive** is the process of moving a herd of **cattle** from one place to another, usually moved and herded by cowboys on horses.



# Herd (noun/verb)

## **Definition:**

 Noun - a large group of animals, especially hoofed mammals, that live together or are kept together as livestock.

Verb - (with reference to a group of people or animals)
move in a group. – "the teacher herded the class onto the

bus"

Synonym: Noun – flock, pack, group Verb – watch, look after, take care of

# Wrangler (noun)

## **Definition:**

A person in charge of horses or other livestock on a ranch.

## Synonyms:

Herder

Rancher

Cattleman



# **Braggart (noun)**

## **Definition:**

A person who boasts about their achievements

or possessions.

## synonym:

**Boast** 

Brag

Show off

