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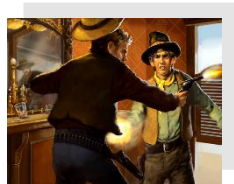
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- The Wild West refers to a time period following the American Civil War from the 1860s to the 1890s.
- During this time many people moved west to establish homesteads (settlements). There was little law enforcement and this often attracted rougher characters.
- “Cowboys” and “gunslingers” became famous during this lawless time.



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- **Read each of the statement carefully and in their entirety.**
- 1. The US Government introduced camels into the state of Texas.
- 2. “Billy the Kid” gunned down 27 men until his eventual capture.
- 3. The O.K. Corral gun battle lasted only about one minute.
- 4. Jesse James was actually assassinated by one of his own group members.
- 5. The Pony Express mail service made deliveries from coast to coast.
- 6. During the Wild West era playing cards were produced featuring some of the most notorious gunslingers.



Instructions

- 1. In your group divide up the statements among group members.
- 2. Individually complete Activity 2 – the research phase.
- 3. Each group member will share their research while the others take brief notes.

