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Student Study Guide  
America's Heartland

Episode 104 – The King of Ranches

1. What is the location for this segment of America's Heartland \_\_\_\_\_,  
(city or town)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(state)
2. What is the name of America's largest ranch? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The ranch comprises how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_
4. This ranch bigger than the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The ranch was started by \_\_\_\_\_ more than 150  
years ago in 1853. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ captain  
and used his profits to buy \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land along the Santa Gertrudis  
Creek. He went to \_\_\_\_\_ to buy cattle and invited the citizens of  
the  
small impoverished Mexican village to come to work for him. They agreed, and have been working on  
the ranch ever since. They are called Kinenos, meaning King's men.
6. In the early days, the kinenos looked after about \_\_\_\_\_ head of cattle and  
regularly drove \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Longhorns more than 1,000 miles to market. Later, the  
ranch would develop its own breed of cattle - -the \_\_\_\_\_  
breed (the first true American cattle breed).
7. It was actually the founder's widow \_\_\_\_\_ and son-in-law  
who built it into its powerhouse status. They tapped the first artesian \_\_\_\_\_  
to irrigate the parched land. They also built the first railroad in South Texas. Mrs. King donated  
\_\_\_\_\_ acres of land to form the town of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. They expanded the ranch to more than \_\_\_\_\_ acres, planted

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, which is a feed grain.

9. Today, the ranch has its own \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and its pastures are enclosed by more than \_\_\_\_\_ miles of fencing.

10. The third generation developed new breeds of cattle and started breeding \_\_\_\_\_ horses. As a result, they bred \_\_\_\_\_, who one the Triple Crown in 1946.

11. Today's King Ranch is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It has its own \_\_\_\_\_ complete with a \_\_\_\_\_.