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
9. Today, the ranch has its own ________________________________, 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 won the Triple Crown in 1946.

11. Today’s King Ranch is both a ________________________________ and ________________________________.

   It has its own ________________________________ complete with a ________________________________.

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