

Write your own Black Cowboy story

Instructions: You will write a short story about a fictional black cowboy from the 1800s to early 1900s. This story should show that you understand the history of black cowboys. The character must be from your own imagination; it cannot be Nat Love or Bill Pickett.

Make sure your story has a clear beginning, middle, and end and is well-organized. Use descriptive details to show what life was like for your cowboy.

The story must include:

- A black male cowboy as the main character
 - If you want to write about a female, remember that your story must be historically accurate, so you would have to devise a way for the cowgirl to disguise herself as a man
- Information on how black cowboys were treated in their work as opposed to in mainstream society
- Descriptions of a cowboy's work (use your texts, including the documentary, for ideas)
- Lots of creativity!

Use these questions to help you brainstorm:

- Why did your character become a cowboy?
- What is everyday life like for your character?
- Where did they live as a child, and where do they live now?