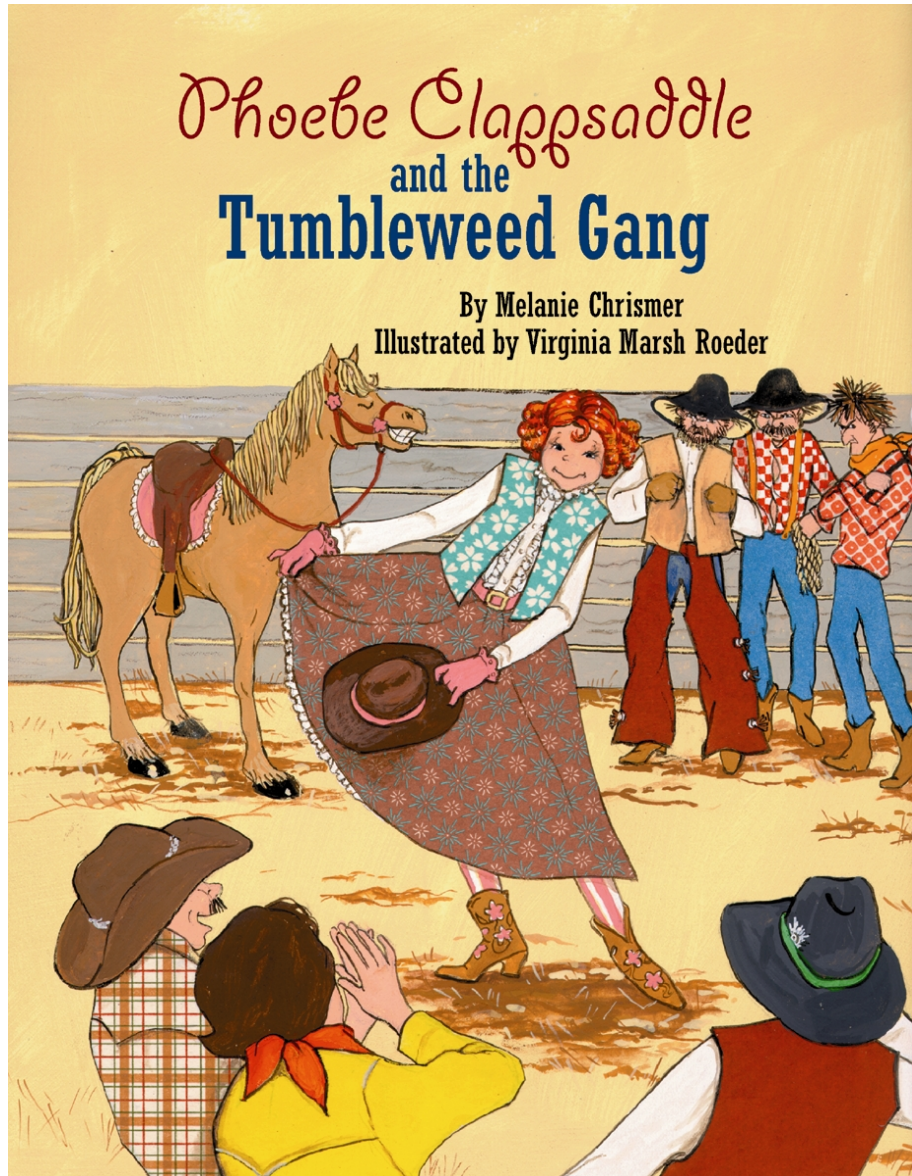




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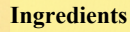


This study guide includes:

**Name Your Territory * Mind Your P's and Q's
Tall Tale Talk * Tumbleweed Tangle
Cowgirl (and boy) Manners * Recipe for Giggles**

Reproducible Worksheets

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Directions

Enjoy!! Phoebe

Other necessities a cowgirl needs!

Phoebe's Grocery List

- 3 pounds of ground round or ground sirloin
- 1 ½ pounds lean, ground pork
- 2 onions
- 4 garlic cloves
- chili powder
- 15 oz. can of tomato sauce
- oregano bay leaf
- cumin seed
- coriander
- cilantro
- 1 oz. Unsweetened chocolate
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- Tabasco sauce

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Recipe for Territory Giggles

Take a pinch of reading, add a belly full of laughs, and giggle a lot!

What is Elmo's favorite color?

Purple

What time is it when Eustace fixes supper?

Time to eat out!

Where does Phoebe get her fancy lariats?

From "Eu-rope."

How can Phoebe tell when Julep gets a cold?

He gets a little *hoarse*.

What is the best way to spot a tumbleweed?

Throw a bucket of paint at him.

How does Phoebe drink her tea?

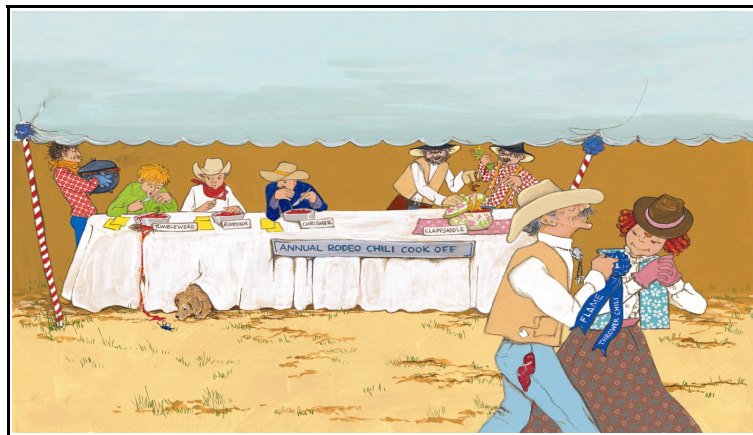
With 2 sugars, a spot of cream, and her pinkies up.

NOW, make up your own best-ever, super terrific joke!


Cowboy and Cowgirl Manners are fun!

Match up the correct manner solution to the problem.


1. A new friend comes to the ranch and Phoebe is the only one who knows everyone.
 2. Elmo finishes a big bowl of chili and then accidentally burps.
 3. The chili cook-off judge hands Phoebe a blue ribbon for her flamethrower chili.
 4. Clifford, Elmo, and Eustace ask for seconds when Phoebe serves them dinner.
 5. The ranch settles down for the night.
- ___ The cowboys and cowgirls feed and water the animals first.
- ___ Phoebe introduces the new friends to the old ones.
- ___ “S’cuse me,” says Elmo.
- ___ “Thank you!” says Phoebe, sweetly.
- ___ “May we have seconds, please?” ask the Tumbleweed brothers.



Word Search



TUMBLEWEED TANGLE



T	V	S	M	K	E	I	E	Z	H	M	E	E	T	S
S	U	I	E	B	B	C	L	L	B	L	C	L	E	R
K	N	M	E	I	I	R	M	G	D	K	A	L	R	E
T	K	O	B	H	K	M	O	D	L	D	C	E	R	N
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V	H	U	F	A	W	I	G	V	O	S	Z	T	R	W
W	Y	O	B	M	L	T	H	H	C	I	J	U	H	U
F	R	L	A	R	I	A	T	C	E	W	J	O	S	B
D	E	W	T	E	X	A	S	L	Q	K	H	S	T	B

BRONCO	JULEP
BURP	LARIAT
CACTUS	MANNERS
CHILI	MINT
CLAPPSADDLE	PHOEBE
CLIFFORD	PINKIES
CORAL	RATTLESNAKE
DAWG	RODEO
ELMO	
SOUTHWESTERNBELLE	
EUSTACE	TERRITORY
HOGTIE	TEXAS
HORSE	TUMBLEWEED



What Is A Tall Tale?

A tall tale is a folk story that has larger-than-life people, places, or things. People in this myth can be real or made-up. You can spot a tall tale by the clear “stretching of the facts” you find in the story.



Check out these tall tales:

Real Folks:

Johnny Appleseed
Daniel Boone
Phoebe Clappsaddle

John Henry
Calamity Jane

Davy Crocket
George Washington

Made-up Folks:

Paul Bunyan
Slewfoot Sue
Sally Ann Thunder

Pecos Bill
Molly Cotton-Tail
Ann Whirlwind

Mike Fink

Tall Tale Fun

Make up your own Tall Tale...

1. Pick a well-known mountain, river, or special place. (a volcano, the Brazos river, Serpent Mound, or anything you like are great!)
2. Pick a person (girl or boy)
3. Use your imagination to think of a way the person might have caused the place to be special. Example: Paul Bunyan throwing salt over his huge shoulder for luck made The Great Salt Lake. **Make it crazy for the fun of it.**
4. Name your person a funny name that will get everyone to listen to your story. If you like, let your person have a pet, because most tall tale heroes are big at heart but lonely and need a friend. Example: Pecos Bill has *Lightning* his horse, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind has *Perfume* her skunk, Paul Bunyan has *Babe* his ox, and Phoebe Clappsaddle has *Julep* her horse. The animal friend usually has unusual abilities also.

Now have fun writing and telling your tall tales. Remember the writer gets to go on the adventure FIRST! Yeehaw!



Mind Your P's and Q's, Clifford!

Clifford is practicing his writing. But he has misspelled many words. Can you find the misspelled words? Hint: The misspelled words have a "P" in the wrong place or a "Q" in the wrong place. Find the word and fix it.

Dear Rodeo JudgP,
I am soQry that my Prothers and I Qried
to cheaP at the rodeo. We Qill try noP to
do thaQ any Qore.
Pincerely,
ClifQord TumbleweeP

Answer: Dear Rodeo Judge, I am sorry that my brothers and I tried to cheat at the rodeo. We will try not to do that any more. Sincerely, Clifford Tumbleweed

Where is the territory South of Big Spring, West of Marathon, North of Terlingua, and East of El Paso.?



Name your territory:

1. Think of cities, landmarks, or streets that border your home.
2. Choose one that is north, one that is east, one that is south, and one that is west of you.
3. Then write them together and you will have **your** "territory."

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