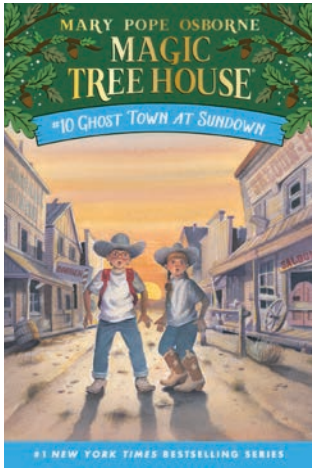


# EDUCATORS' GUIDE

# MAGIC TREE HOUSE®

## Ghost Town at Sundown



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### ABOUT *Ghost Town at Sundown*

Morgan le Fay has promised to make Jack and Annie masters of the tree house if they can solve four riddles. In *Ghost Town at Sundown*, the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie back to a ghost town in the Wild West of the 1880s. There, they meet a mustang herder named Slim as they search for the answer to the second riddle.

## CLASSROOM CONNECTION

### Cowboy Sing-along

Just like Slim, Jack and Annie, many cowboys slept out under the stars, cooked meals over a fire and sang traditional cowboy songs like-Red River Valley-and-Home, Home on the Range. Here is the text of another song from the Old West. Ask students how nighttime on a cattle drive is similar to, or different from, nighttime on a mustang drive.

#### Cowboy Lullaby

Desert silver blue beneath the pale moonlight,  
Coyote yappin' lazy on the hill,  
Starlight streams above us in the old firelight.  
Time for millin' cattle to be still.  
**(Chorus)** So now the lightning's far away;  
The coyote's nothin' skeery, just singin' to her dearie.  
Yah ho, tomorr's another day,  
So settle down, ye cattle, till the morning.  
Nothin' here that seems to be what you folks need,  
Nothin' there that seems to take your eye.  
Still you got to watch them or they'll all stampede.  
Plungin' down some 'rroyo bank to die.

**(Chorus)** So now the lightning's far away;  
The coyote's nothin' skeery, just singin' to her dearie.  
Yah ho, tomorr's another day,  
So settle down, ye cattle, till the morning.

#### CURRICULUM: *History • Music*

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