Osage Nation Lessons 👧

OSAGE RANCHING TRADITIONS & BLUESTEM RANCH Review Questions

RANCHING TRADITIONS

- 1. What are two ways Osage landowners managed their pastures?
 - (a) They leased their land to others, or
 - (b) they became ranchers and grazed cattle on their own
- 2. What traditional Osage skill was helpful to Osage ranchers? horsemanship

RE-ACQUISITION OF LANDS - BLUESTEM RANCH

- 3. How did the "Bluestem Ranch" get its name? from the Big Bluestem prairie grass
- 4. List the four ideas in Chief Standing Bear's vision for the future of the Bluestem Ranch:
 - a) a refuge for our sacred **bison**
 - b) a classroom for our people, especially our young
 - c) a place where Osage companies and individuals will conduct profitable cattle operations
 - d) a place for well-regulated hunting and fishing recreation
- 5. What are three parts of the mission of the Bluestem Board which manages the ranch?
 - a) create and stimulate the Osage Nation economy
 - b) generate profits
 - c) create employment opportunities for tribal members
- 6. Write a paragraph discussing these issues: Why is the re-acquisition of Osage lands such as the Bluestem Ranch important? What does the Bluestem Ranch symbolize? How can it best serve the Osage Nation?

answers vary - see all above ideas in #4 and #5

also (from Factsheet): revitalize determination to reclaim land;

provide ways for the Osage to return to and restore their proud past, heritage, and cultural and agricultural history, (and other personal ideas)

