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Student Study Guide
America's Heartland

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

_____ and _____, 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 one the Triple Crown in 1946.

11. Today's King Ranch is both a _____ and _____.
It has its own _____ complete with a _____.