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Written Document Analysis Worksheet

(1) Type of document (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memorandum | <input type="checkbox"/> Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Telegram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Press release | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional record | <input type="checkbox"/> Census report | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

(2) Unique physical characteristics of the document (check one or more):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten | <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting letterhead | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Typed | <input type="checkbox"/> Seals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notations | <input type="checkbox"/> "Received" stamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

(3) Date(s) of document: 1884, 1931

(4) Author or creator of document: Harry J. Rutter Reminiscence

Title or position of author: Cowboy

(5) For what audience was the document written? The people they were going to

(6) List three things the author said that you think are important.

We started north in 1884

a. _____

We had a crew of ten or twelve cowboys to handle 3000 cattle

b. _____

Having a water place spotted we could judge the rate of speed the herd would have to make

c. _____

(7) Why do you think this document was written? To tell the people that they were on there way

(8) What evidence in the document helps you to know why it was written? Quote from the document. All cattle starting north on the trai; were given a trail brand.

(9) List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.

a. The spring was refreshing after the harsh winter

b. But now it is breeding season in the spring so we are very buisy

(10) Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document. Who are they going to