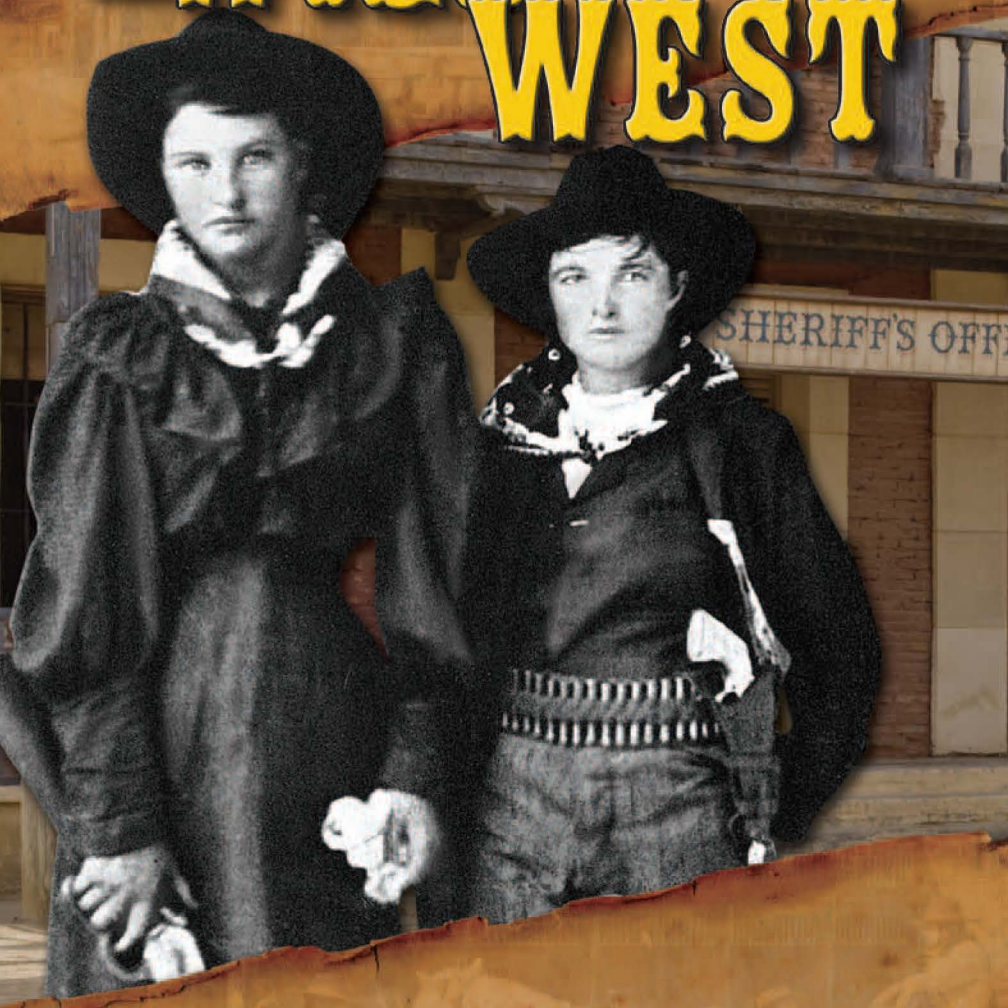
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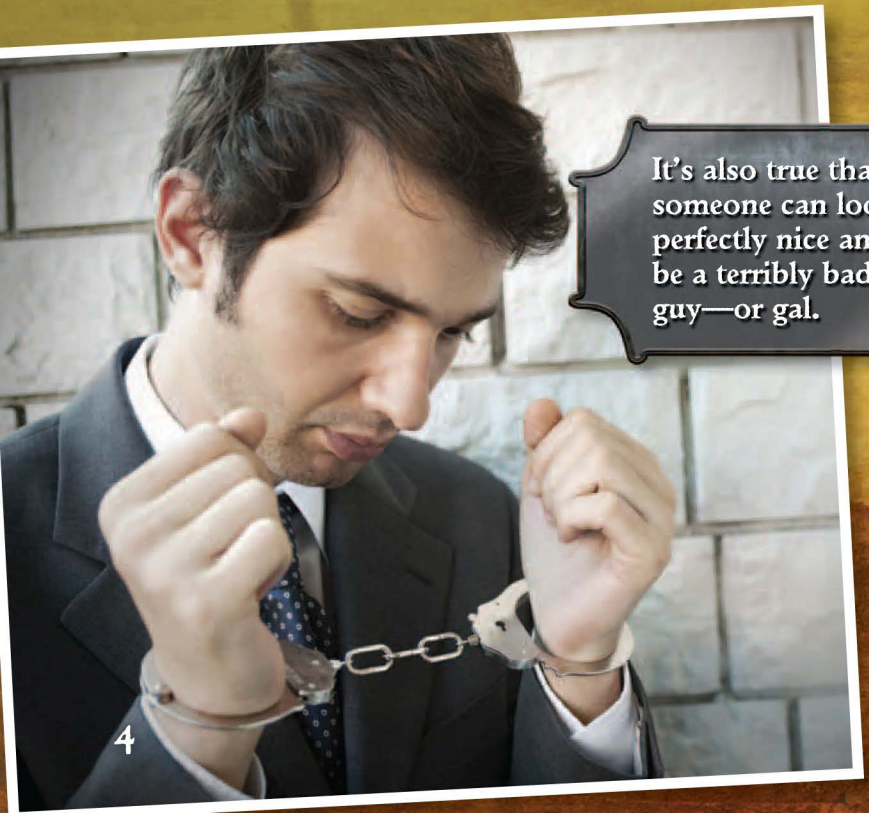
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Bad?

In the movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, the cartoon character Jessica Rabbit famously says, "I'm not bad. I'm just drawn that way." She means that appearances can be **deceiving**. The detective in the movie misjudges Jessica, and the "bad guy" nearly gets away. Jessica isn't bad at all.

The way a person looks may make you think he or she is up to no good. But is it fair to judge? Should you trust your **instincts** just to be safe? And who gets to decide what's bad—or good—anyway?



It's also true that someone can look perfectly nice and be a terribly bad guy—or gal.

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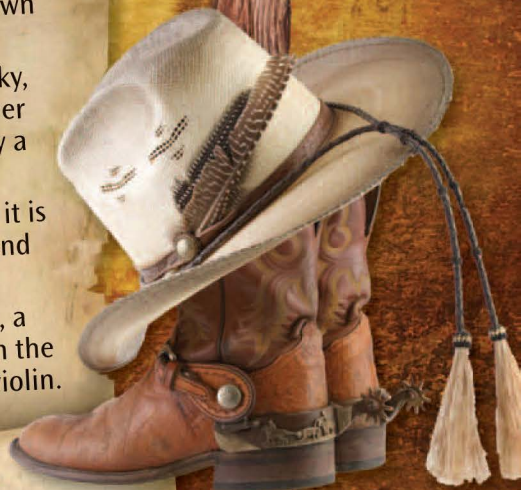
THINK LINK

- What was life like in the Wild West?
- Why were there so many bad guys and gals in the Wild West?
- Who were some of the most **notorious** figures from this time?

The Long Arm of the Law

If a person breaks the law, does that make him or her bad? What if the law is one of the following "strange but true" laws? These laws are so old and unusual that very few people even know about them!

- In one California town, it is against the law to wear cowboy boots unless you own at least two cows.
- In a community in Kentucky, a married woman needs her husband's approval to buy a hat.
- In a North Carolina town, it is against the law for dogs and cats to fight.
- In one Maine community, a person cannot walk down the street while playing the violin.



Life in the Wild West

Turn on the TV today and you can probably find an old movie set in the Wild West, with sheriffs and gunslingers, cowboys and cattle **barons**, **pioneers** and American Indians, horses and cattle. Often there are gun battles, and people seem to be in danger daily.

Well, the truth is, that's only a part of what life was really like in the Wild West. Because there were few people spread out across wide areas, and there was very little **established** law, people could easily be in danger. But most days in the Wild West were the same as the others, filled with work, dirt, and more than a little boredom.

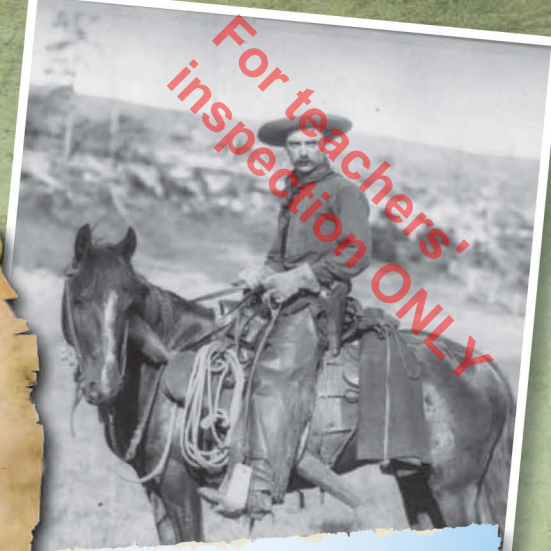
Still, just as in the movies, there were some colorful characters in the Wild West, and they weren't always on the right side of The Law. These are the "bad guys and gals" of the Wild West.



Horses were the fastest way to travel in the Wild West.

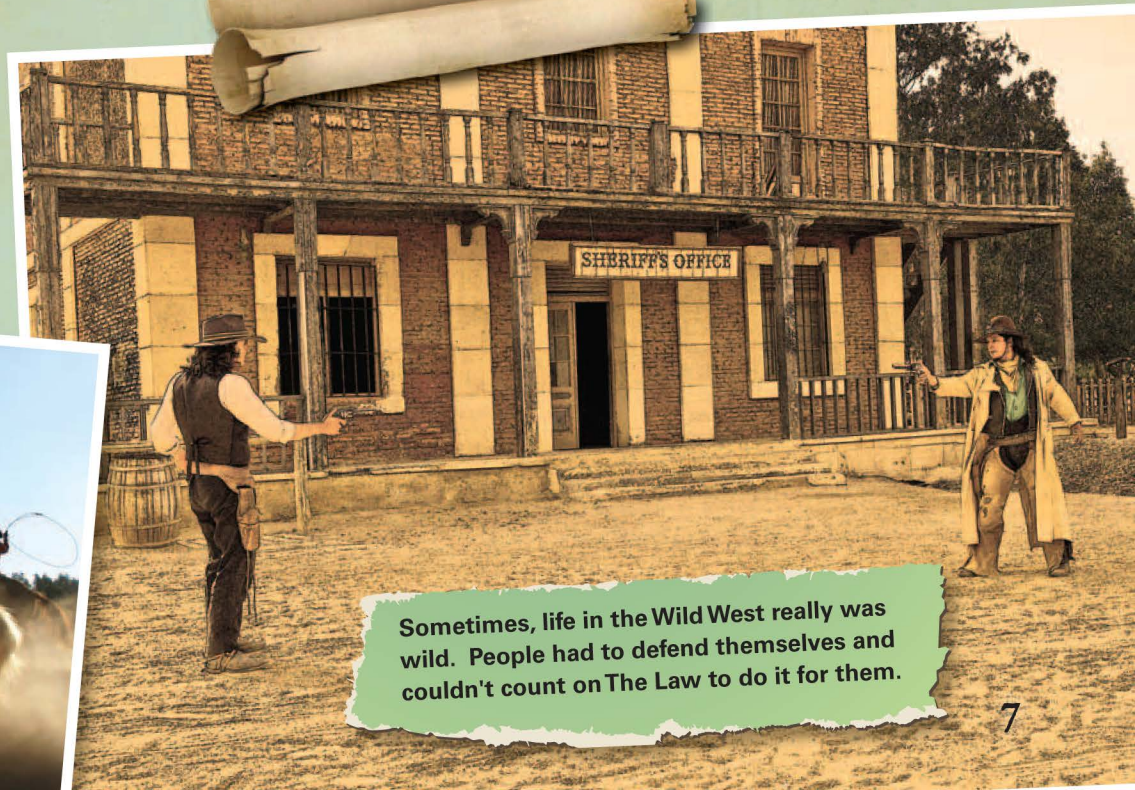
Wild West

The Wild West refers to life and times in the United States **frontier**, west of the Mississippi River, before a system of law was fully in place. The Wild West loosely covers the time from the early to late 1800s, although most people think of it as the period between the 1840s and 1900.



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Life as a cowboy was hard and dangerous. Being dragged by a horse was the most common cause of death.



Sometimes, life in the Wild West really was wild. People had to defend themselves and couldn't count on The Law to do it for them.

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DIG DEEPER!

Bad-to-Worse Time Line

The West was filled with kind people. But it's often the most notorious people we remember best.

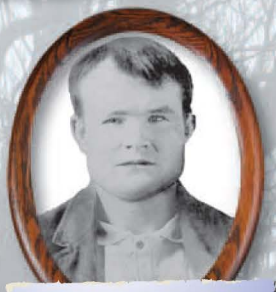
Gold Rush

When gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California in 1848, word spread quickly. People everywhere decided to take a chance and mine for gold. Many people braved the journey west of the Mississippi River to find a better life.

Although "the Wild West" is a common phrase, most of these outlaws were born in the east and moved west.



Belle Starr
1848–1889



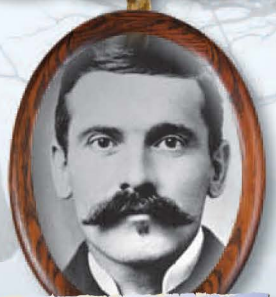
Butch Cassidy
1866–1909



Pearl Hart
1871–1925



Jesse James
1847–1882



Doc Holliday
1851–1887



Billy the Kid
1859–1881



Sundance Kid
1867–1908

Together, these trouble makers were responsible for over $250,000 stolen money and countless hours of police work.