

## Why was the Goodnight-Loving trail important to the rise of the cattle industry?

<p>The Goodnight-Loving Trail was established in 1866 by Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving.</p>	<p>In 1866 Goodnight and Loving set off on a new trail with 18 cowboys to drive 2,000 cattle to Fort Sumner.</p>
<p>In 1868, in a deal with Illiff, Goodnight drove the cattle all the way up to Cheyenne, Wyoming.</p>	<p>In 1867, whilst on a cattle trail, Loving was injured in an Indian Comanche attack &amp; died of his injuries.</p>
<p>After selling 800 cattle at Fort Sumner Goodnight decided to return to Texas to collect another herd. Loving decided to continue North with the rest of the 1,200 cattle to sell to John Illiff.</p>	<p>The Goodnight-Loving Trail is different to other trails because it directly supplied Indian reservations and army forts.</p>
<p>Without the Goodnight- Loving Trail there would have been no cattle industry in Wyoming.</p>	<p>Colorado was 700 miles from Texas; there were lots of mining towns there that needed to be supplied with beef.</p>
<p>Wyoming developed a cattle industry because of the Goodnight and Loving Trail.</p>	<p>Wyoming was close to Fort Laramie on the Union Pacific Railroad.</p>
<p>Goodnight and Loving saw an opportunity of selling cattle directly to the new towns in the West.</p>	<p>Goodnight became so successful that his ranch in Texas had expanded to one million acres by 1876.</p>
<p>The Navajo Indian reservation was near to starvation because of bad government planning. The reservation was close to Fort Sumner in New Mexico.</p>	<p>At the Fort Sumner they sold 800 cattle for \$12,000. This was almost four times more than what they would have sold the cattle for in Texas.</p>
<p>John Illiff was a successful cattle baron who had built up his business selling beef to reservations government workers in Wyoming and Colorado.</p>	<p>Other cattle drives started to use the Goodnight and Loving Trail to Wyoming too.</p>

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After the death of Loving, Goodnight continued to drive the cattle North to the booming mining towns of Colorado.

To reach Fort Sumner Goodnight and Loving had to travel through antagonistic Indian territory. The Comanche Indians were hostile.

Kansas cattle trails were blocked because of Texan Cattle fever.

To avoid the blockade of trails in Kansas due to Texan cattle fever, Goodnight and Loving decided to take their cattle West.



**What can the cards tell you about each of the following questions?**

Why did they establish this trail?

Why was it important to the development of the cattle industry?

What did they do that was different to the other trails?

What were the consequences of the trail?

