



## **Devotional & Article Writing Starters**

### **Topic: "Western"**

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#### **Home on the Range**

- Our Home in Heaven
- "Where the clouds are not cloudy all day"
- We will have peace there.
- Heartaches will be gone.
- 1 Peter 1:3-4
- John 14

#### **Cowgirl Up!**

- Get tough and persevere.
- You can do it with God's help.
- When you are thrown from the horse, don't stay down. Get up and ride again.
- Don't let the tumbleweeds in your path slow you down.
- Use the Lord as your strength.
- Philippians 4:13

### **Lasso Your Dreams**

- Grab hold of what you really want in life.
- Don't let inconveniences hold you back.
- Make your life count for Christ.
- Reach your personal goals.
- Reach your goals for your Christian life. Bear fruit!
- Proverbs 3:5-6

### **Saddle up for the Long Ride**

- Learn to navigate the Christian life.
- Go step by step.
- It's not a horse race!
- Need to pray *daily*.
- Need to read and study the Bible *daily*.

### **Watch Out for Stampedes**

- Watch out for temptation and all that the world can throw at you.
- It will overpower you if you are not strong in Christ.
- Watch your heart.
- Proverbs 4:23

### **Branded for Christ**

- Learn to be Christ-like.
- Live like a Christian.
- Show the love of Christ.
- John 13:35

### **Death Valley Days**

- Examples in the Bible.
  - Daniel in the lion's den
  - Joseph in prison

- Paul in prison
- Psalm 23
- Psalm 23:4  
“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”
- The Lord is always there no matter what we go through or where we end up in life.

### **The Ole’ Watering Hole**

- Where are you quenching your thirst?
- God’s Word is an oasis in the desert.
  - It refreshes.
  - It renews.

### **Put Some Giddy in Your Up!**

- Be motivated to serve the Lord.
- Don’t sit on the sidelines.
- Serve the Lord.
- Use your talents and gifts for the Lord and to serve others.

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