

# The Duchess Ranch of Old John Ware

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## Study and Activity Guide

- 1) What do we learn about John Ware in the first brief scene?
- 2) The second scene features a poem that goes back to the dawn of time. Write your own poem about the beginnings of the universe.
- 3) Describe the events that occurred as John Ware travelled from the southern United States to the Canadian Rocky Mountains.
- 4) How did John Ware earn the respect of the other trail-riders?
- 5) Write a sentence that describes what happens in each installment of “John Ware of the 20th Century”.
- 6) What are some examples of racism that John experienced?
- 7) Write a poem about being a cowboy.
- 8) What is John frustrated about when we rejoin him ten years after his marriage? What does he decide to do?
- 9) Describe what happens when John and Nettie go into the city.
- 10) What does John do after their cabin is destroyed by the flood?
- 11) Write about a time when you have had to re-build something after it was wrecked or broken.
- 12) How does John give back to his community?
- 13) Write about a way that you or your family has helped your community.
- 14) Summarize the conversation between John and his son, Bob.
- 15) Write about a memorable conversation you have had with a parent or significant adult.