

The clothing and tools of a modern vaquero remains similar to the past and everyday words used on the range, like lariat, chaps or bandana tie directly back to Spanish. Fill in the blanks with the correct clothing or tool.

Vaquero's spend most of their lives in the saddle, riding in all kinds of weather. He needs the right tools to protect himself and do his job. Wide brimmed hats called _____ offer protection from the sun. A _____ and _____ provide additional protection. Early vaquero's wore _____, leather leggings, which gave rise to _____, leather leggings worn over trousers. They provide protection from cactus, wild brush and rope burn. Known today as chaps, cowboys still wear them for protection. Vaqueros are expert riders and skilled ropers. During cattle round-ups, vaqueros use _____ to steer their horses and throw their _____ to catch cattle. After riding all day, vaquero's gather around a campfire to eat, and later they roll up into their _____ to sleep.

Vaquero Clothing and Tools

Chaparreras

Sombreros

Espuellas

Bandana

Poncho

Lazo

Botas

Sarape



Vaquero with Lasso & Saddle, W. H. Dunton, ca. 1910, Oil on board, On loan from the Enrique E. Guerra Collection