Arizona and Mexico

Most of Arizona became part of the United States after the Mexican-American War (Mexican Cession of 1848). An international border now existed in southern Arizona along the Gila River. The border was moved south to its present location after the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico in 1854. Mexican ranchers in southern Arizona were now citizens of the United States. When Arizona became a part of the United States nearly all of Arizona’s ranches and farms were in the southern part of the territory. Mexican families owned most of these ranches. These families planted crops and raised sheep, cattle, and goats for themselves and to sell.

Color in the Gadsden Purchase on your map.
Map Scale – Use your map to answer these questions.
  1. About how far is it from Amado to Tucson in miles?
     _______________________________________________________
  2. About how far is it from Amado to Nogales in miles?
     _______________________________________________________
  3. What is the total distance from Tucson to Nogales in miles?
     _______________________________________________________

The Roundup

The events of the roundup are listed below. Place the events in the correct sequence by numbering them from 1 to 5 in the order in which they happened in the story.

_____ The vaqueros lassoed the calves and wrestled them down to the ground.

_____ Papa said he wanted the boys to help with the branding.

_____ The first night the boys got to eat with the vaqueros.

_____ After the work of the roundup was over, they made the fiesta!

_____ The vaqueros killed a cow and then dug a big hole in which to cook the cow.
## Mexico’s Culture

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Page Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Holidays</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Customs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
KEY

**Maps** - 1 point for coloring in the Gadsden Purchase area. 3 points for the map scale.
1. About 30 miles
2. About 25 miles
3. About 55 miles

**Graphic Organizer – possible answers**

**Food** - Page
Chiles - 16
Tamales – 25
Carne seca – 26
Menudo – 26
Dulces – 26
Tortillas – 27
Frijoles con queso – 30

**Holidays** - Page
Dia de los Muertos - 22
Nochebuena – 26

**Activities** - Page
Piñata – 26
Rodeo – 29, 31
Fiesta - 40

**Roundup Sequence**

3
2
1
5
4