

Discussion Questions – *The Littlest Wrangler*

- 1. Joe doesn't know his real last name, or even how old he is. How do you think this makes him feel?**
- 2. Before Joe goes to the cowboy camp, he buckles on an old spur he found. Why do you think he does this?**
- 3. Why do you think Skeeter calls Joe "Dogie"?**
- 4. Why do you think the boss is angry when Joe rides Blue Rocket into the camp?**
- 5. Why do you think Blue Rocket follows Joe's directions during the stampede?**
- 6. Why do you think Joe is able to make friends with Blue Rocket?**
- 7. Why do you think the cowboys buy Joe a pair of spurs?**
- 8. Most children who came West on orphan trains found good homes. Some people, like the Grubbs, only took in orphans to get free labor. Do you think the orphan trains were a good idea? Why or why not?**
- 9. Being a cowboy was a difficult and dangerous job, and didn't pay much money. What do you think made people want to do this job? What do you think made Joe want to be a cowboy?**
- 10. If you worked on a cattle drive, would you rather be a waddie, a wrangler, or a cocinero? Why?**