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## Purpose

This activity asks you to practice your claim- and counterclaim-making skills. This will help you evaluate your ability to make strong, evidence-backed claims, and give you an idea of how well you understand the key features of pastoral empires.

## Process

In this activity, you’ll write two claims and one counterclaim about pastoral empires.

Take out the Making Claims – Pastoral Empires worksheet. Working individually or in pairs, make two claims and one counterclaim about whether the label pastoral empire is accurate for the Mongols and Comanches. It may help to review the traditional definition of an empire.

For each claim, use course materials—and, if your teacher asks you to, the Internet—to find two pieces of supporting evidence. Once you’ve written your two claims and provided supporting evidence, write one counterclaim that relates to one of them. You should also provide two pieces of evidence to back up your counterclaim.

Be prepared to share your claims at the end of the class.

**Directions:** Come up with two claims and one counterclaim about whether the label pastoral empire is accurate for the Mongols and Comanches.

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| Claim 1: | | | |
| **Evidence** |  | **Citation** |  |
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| Claim 2: | | | |
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| Counterclaim: | | | |
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