

1837 IS FOR LONGHORN... OR LETTERBOXING

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The Texas Longhorn is a breed of cattle with deep roots in Texas history. Longhorns are the direct descendants of cattle brought to the Americas by early Spanish explorers from 1492 into the 1500's. The cattle often escaped or were released and roamed essentially wild for two centuries. They evolved into a hardy drought tolerant breed which can survive in areas with poor vegetation. Early settlers caught the feral cattle and mixed them with eastern cattle breeds. The resulting Longhorns are characterized by their distinctive and long horns,(reaching up to 7 feet long) and come in a wide variety of colors.

While widely bred in the 1700's and 1800's the breed eventually declined in favor of other breeds. In 1927, the breed was saved from near extinction by a group of enthusiasts. It's now deeply entrenched in Texas history, and a Texas Longhorn is the mascot for the University of Texas at Austin.

To find your Longhorn, solve the puzzle below. Good Luck!

5421 31 43 5, 4525 16 63 6162 442 25; 3263 35 6341 65 55 6363,

4 16 4515 5653 3; 255 116 3, 45 226 141 6 3355, 3563 11 3325

2 4522, 353 6 1 5225 115; 3423 15 61 5, 462 41, 3551 31 1253

3653 151 53 453 3.