**Social Science – Grade 5**

**Week 11: History (8 June 2020 – 12 June 2020)**

**Revision - Topic: The first farmers in Southern Africa**

**Please print and paste in your books, or write down questions and answers if you cannot print the work.**

Read the following extract explaining the importance of cattle for the early communities of Southern Africa during the Iron Age.

**As with the Khoikhoi, cattle had great importance in these societies (people). Looking after the cattle was the work of the men. The cattle kraal was the social (community) center of the village, the meeting place for men and a place that women were usually not allowed to enter.**

**The herds of African Farmers were larger than those of the KhoiKhoi. Those who owned the most cattle had the most power. Cattle were a considerable (large) source of food, though more for milk than for meat.**

**They also provided many valuable (respected) by-products such as skin for clothing hide and horn for containers. Dung (manure) was used for plastering walls and floors. Within these societies (people), cattle were also the main source of wealth and the medium of exchange. Bride wealth (lobola/bogadi) was calculated in terms of cattle. They were also used to pay fines and to ensure the goodwill of ancestral (family) spirits.**

**Taken from** [**www.sahistory.org.za**](http://www.sahistory.org.za)

1. According to the information, who was responsible for looking after the cattle?

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1. What were the duties of the women?

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1. What was the main source of wealth for these African Farmers?

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1. Write a paragraph of 5 to 6 sentences, about the importance of cattle for the early communities of Southern Africa. Use some of your previous information given to help you.

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**Thank you for all your hard work!**