

## #1 Overview

- Each class is based on the concept of providing a positive and meaningful experience for the participant.
- Focus on what the participant is experiencing and feeling *during* the time spent.
- Your job as the leader is to encourage curiosity and conversation.



## #2

### “The American Rodeo”

Today, rodeo is a competitive sport, with competitors being awarded ribbons, belt buckles, trophies and cash prizes. In the beginning a rodeo was a way for cattle and horse ranchers to get together to separate their herds. Following the Civil War, rodeo competitions emerged, with the first held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Prescott, Arizona claims the distinction of holding the first professional rodeo, charging admission and awarding trophies. Between 1890 and 1910, rodeos became public entertainment and were sometimes combined with Wild West shows featuring individuals like Buffalo Bill Cody and Annie Oakley.

## #4 Extra Questions for Discussion

1. What do you like most about rodeos?
  - The parades, the bucking broncos, the cowboys, the Rodeo Queen, the clowns
2. Do you like to watch western movies? Do you have a favorite movie or movie star?
  - John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Clint Eastwood, Hop Along Cassidy, Audie Murphy or Burt Lancaster maybe?

**Note to speaker: this site has wonderful short videos about rodeos, cowboys and cowgirls** <http://www.thewildwest.org/western-videos>

3. Do you like country western music?

**Note to speaker: YouTube hosts many different western music channels. Use this one for a variety or ask the client if they have a favorite country western singer.**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPfWr5SNtL8HjkOcSadL7OQ/playlists>

## #3

Suggestions for leading a class:

**Most slides have a question for you to ask the participant. The question is either at the top of the page or in a tan colored speech balloon at the side of the slide. The answers to the questions pop up by “paging down.”**

**The questions will help you navigate through the slides and promote conversation with the participant**

**Use the questions in a friendly and comfortable way**

**There is no right or wrong answer; if the participant gives you an incorrect response do not correct but instead reinforce their participation. Pat their hand or touch their shoulder and say something like, “great point,” “very interesting,” or “I hear what you are saying.” Another option is to “reframe” their answer using different words. Remember to smile.**