



# Leftover Lore



You're in a restaurant, and there's just too much food on your plate. No problem—ask for a doggie bag. This curious custom goes back to the 1940s in New York City. According to the etiquette of the time, it was impolite to gnaw on a bone in public. It was also considered unseemly to take food home from a restaurant to reheat and eat, so a steak house came up with the idea of the doggie bag. People could say their take-home food was for a pet. The restaurant even put a picture of a Scottie dog on the bag.

Not long after that a Chicago company came out with a greaseproof doggie bag that it sold to restaurants around the country. This bag even had a special poem on it about leftovers.

Since then doggie bags have become a common custom in many eating establishments. Certain fine restaurants send extra food home in fancy bags with handles. Others use leak-proof bags with clear windows to show off the food.

Read the parts of the outline that are done. Then add facts from the passage to complete the outline.

- I. Doggie bags start in New York City in 1940s
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  - C. Steak house idea
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- II. Chicago doggie bag company
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# Cowboy Poets

In January, thousands of cowboys and their families flock to a special roundup called the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering. They come to hear about 60 of the nation's best cowboy poets recite their poems. Many of the poems are traditional. They are in four-line stanzas that rhyme; they tell about the solitude of the work, the animals that cowboys raise, and the code of the West. Other poems are in open verse and cover contemporary issues such as environmental problems, domestic violence, and women's rights.

In addition to poetry sessions, some good music, and lively dancing, the gathering also features workshops. These include subjects such as e-cowboys on the Internet, dealing with land developers, and raising cattle without harming the land.

Cowboy poetry is a tradition dating to the 1870s. At that time, cowboys created their poems as they herded cattle along the cow trails of the West. The poems were a way of expressing values and acknowledging shared experiences.



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I. Cowboy poetry gathering

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2. Open verse

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II. 1870s tradition

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