

1. The young men looked after the cattle.
2. They were seen as a symbol of wealth

**AN EXAMPLE OF A PARAGRAPH.** Your paragraph **will not** be exactly the same but check that you have an **INTRODUCTION** and **CONCLUSION**. Then check that you have included all the words as requested.

3. Cattle were seen as a **symbol** of wealth in the early African communities.

They were able to milk the cows for **milk**. Although they did not often slaughter the cattle, they did slaughter them on special occasions and for ceremonies that involved the ancestors. The **meat** could then be eaten and the **hides** used to make clothes.

Cattle were valuable because they could be loaned to a poor man who would then have milk products, and eventually some calves for himself. The men who borrowed the cattle had to give **respect (loyalty)** to the people they borrowed cattle from.

**Lobola** was the price of a bride. This was paid in cattle which meant that the more cattle a man had, the more wives he could have.

Cattle were very valuable to the early African farmers.