Point of View

Practice

Print this page and then write your answers.

Read the passage.

Before the American Southwest was American, Spanish and Mexican settlers made their homes in the places we now call Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and southern California. Many descendants of these early settlers still remain. Ranching was the business to be in, and my relatives were rancheros, or ranch owners. My name is Hernando Arturo Castillo. When I was a boy, most of my nights were filled with adventure stories told around the campfire. My friends were the gauchos, Spanish for cowboys. That’s all I ever yearned to be. Their lives seemed so daring, even though the work was hard. I never became a gaucho, but I tried when I was younger. When I was sixteen, I went with the gauchos on a cattle drive to the Northwest. Saying the work was hard was an understatement! I have never been as tired and scared as I was on those lonely plains at night. From that point on, I felt I would do better as a ranchero. I followed in my father’s footsteps, much to his delight.

Narrator: The narrator in this passage is Hernando Arturo Castillo.

Point of View: Hernando tells the story from a first-person point of view. He reveals his thoughts and feelings about the events in the story by using the word I.

Perspective: Hernando’s perspective on being a gaucho is that he would do better as a ranchero.
Write Hernando’s thoughts, feelings, and actions in the table. Then answer the question that follows.

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Explain how the author develops Hernando’s perspective on being a *gaucbo* in the passage.

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