**“The Colt”**

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Vocabulary

homestead – a house or estate and the adjoining land, buildings

 *The drove to his grandparents’ homestead.*

draught - the amount of air, smoke, etc, inhaled in one breath

 *He breathed in a draught of fresh air.*

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picketed - to fasten or tether to a picket (pole, stake)

 *He picketed the goat to the fencepost.*

haunches - a hindquarter of an animal.

 *The dog had her tail between her haunches.*



fetlock - a projection behind and above a horse's hoof

 *The water in the stream was only up to the horse’s fetlocks.*

  

pastern - the part of the foot of a horse, cow, etc., between the fetlock and the hoof.

 *The bone between the hoof and the first joint is called the pastern.*

mongrel - a dog of mixed or indeterminate breed

 *They wanted a golden retriever, but ended up with a sweet mongrel from the local animal shelter.*

mirth - amusement or laughter

 *Mirth has been proven to improve your health.*

superintend - to oversee and direct

 *He superintended the office building.*