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Adages and Proverbs

**Vaqueros: America's
First Cowboys**
Vocabulary Strategies:
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You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink.
A watched pot never boils.
All that glitters is not gold.
Don't make mountains out of molehills.
You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs.
A stitch in time saves nine.
People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
Make hay while the sun shines.
Two wrongs do not make a right.

Read each sentence below. Write the expression from the box that has the same or nearly the same meaning.

1. Take advantage of opportunities while they are available.
2. Taking care of a small problem now will prevent a bigger one later.
3. Even if something is attractive, it is not necessarily valuable.
4. It doesn't help to be impatient.
5. Don't imagine that things are worse than they really are.
6. To achieve something better, sometimes you have to give up what you already have.
7. You can't force someone to take advantage of a good opportunity.
8. Getting revenge on someone for doing something bad to you does not solve any problems.
9. Unless you are perfect, it is not wise to criticize others.