

roadtrip



Name _____

Teacher _____

Class _____

Date _____

PROJECT

You're going on a Road Trip – a virtual Road Trip! For this project, you and two of your peers are hitting the road and getting to experience some of the most amazing destinations located in the United States. Each Road Trip should be unique, since each pre-selected route is distinctive and diverse. The goal of this project is to not only explore our wonderful country, but to learn how to plan, budget, and collaborate. Good luck, and safe travels!

Learning Target

Team Members

Travel Route

States on Your Route

Project Requirements

1. **Team:** Teams will consist of **3 members**
2. **Budget:** All teams, no matter the size or the route, will be given a budget of **\$3000**. Your task is to budget your money, so that it doesn't run out before the end of your trip.
3. **Destinations:** Your team must visit **15 Locations** situated along your designated **Travel Route**. They should include: **5 Historic/Artistic Locations** (National Monuments, Historic Landmarks, Museums, etc.), **5 Geographic Locations** (National Parks, State Parks, Natural Wonders, etc.), and **5 Entertainment Locations** (Amusement Parks, Concerts, Sport Games, etc.).
4. **Gas:** Your team must calculate the distance you will travel on your trip, select the type of vehicle you will take (see next page), and based on what your vehicle is capable of, estimate your fuel costs. Remember a compact car gets better gas mileage, but may not be as comfortable. A mini-van won't be as cramped, but it will gobble gas.

- **Choice A** – A Compact Car = 35 mpg (miles per gallon)



• **Choice B** – A Family Sedan = 25 mpg



• **Choice C** – A Mini-Van = 18 mpg



5. **Lodging:** Lodging must be calculated into your budget. You must stay in a hotel every night.
6. **Food:** You must eat every day, spending a **minimum of \$15** per person. The food you eat each day must be realistic. As a team, you must choose **one regional food** from your travels and bring it in for the class to **sample**.
7. **Admission Fees:** Most of your excursions will cost money. **ALL** team members must participate and pay for every excursion chosen. Make sure to budget for entrance fees, tickets, passes, etc.
8. **Technology:** While planning your Road Trip, you will use two websites: **roadtripusa.com**, a site that outlines your designated route and offers you suggestions for places to visit, and **travel.sygic.com**, a website that will help you organize your trip, price your excursions and lodgings, and keep track of your mileage.
9. **Presentation:** All team members must participate in presenting your trip to the class. Presentations will be created using **Google Docs**. Presentations should be interesting and entertaining. We want to know about the places you visited, the sites that you saw, and everything that made your Road Trip unique. Make sure to research your destinations so that you can tell us about what you experienced on your journey. Pictures and video clips should take up a majority of your slides and words should be at a minimum. Your budget will be turned in for a grade, but will not be presented to the class.
10. **Paperwork:** The **Outline** that your team creates using Sygic Travel and your **Budget Sheet** should be printed and turned in for a grade. Only one printout is needed per team.

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Destinations: Followed the designated route you were assigned + all the states on your route were visited. Included 15 Locations on your trip: 5 Historic/Artistic, 5 Geographic, and 5 Entertainment.					
Budget: Includes gas expenses, food and lodging costs, and admission fees. Does not exceed \$3000.					
Paperwork: Road Trip Outline + Budget Sheet are neatly organized and printed.					
Food Sample: Brought in one regional food from your travels for the class to sample.					
Presentation Information: Information is clear, concise, and organized and is presented logically.					
Presentation Delivery: Lively and energetic. Voice is audible. Knowledge of the topic is apparent through eye contact and flow.					
Presentation Slideshow: Visuals were created using Google Docs. Clear, non-pixelated images. Black or white background. Large, bold titles. Videos embedded to add interest.					



My Road Trip travels the Pacific Coast Highway or Hwy 1

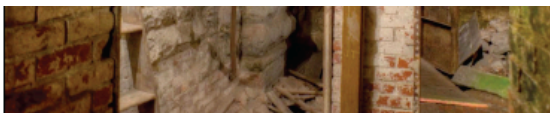


My Road Trip covers the three states of Washington, Oregon and California.

DAY 1



I began my journey in WA and what better place to begin than Seattle, WA?

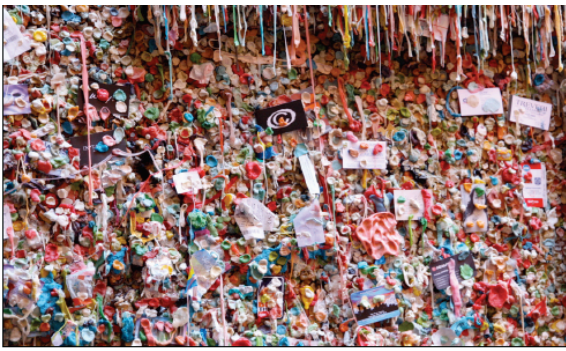


I started my trip by visiting the spooky city beneath Seattle's present street level, the Underground. On this unusual tour of Seattle, I learned about Seattle's colorful past as I walked through ancient passageways to view Seattle's 1890's architecture.

You see, in 1889, there was a horrible fire in Seattle and instead of destroying all of the burned buildings, they decided to build on top of them. The city needed to be raised anyway to deal with flooding, so this was the perfect solution.



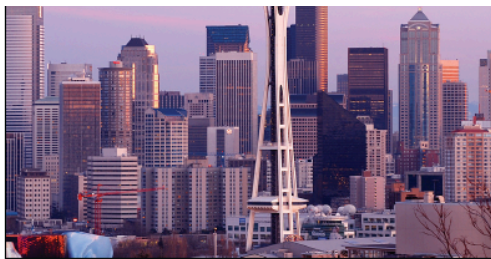
The Seattle Great Wheel is a giant Ferris wheel with an overall height of 175 feet. It overlooks all of Seattle and is the only ferris wheel in North America to be built right on top of to the water.



The Gum Wall outside of the Pike Place Market is the place to go if you want to see a truly unique place. It became an official tourist attraction in 1999 and if you look closely enough, you might even find small works of art that people have created out of gum.



Walk the cobblestone pathways of the Pike Street Public Market center - a farmer's market like nothing you have ever seen before. Bouquets of flowers, pyramids of produce, and shouts from fishmongers throwing fish make this market a truly unique experience.



The Space Needle was built in 1962 for the World's Fair and has been a treasure of Seattle ever since. It shoots through the sky at an amazing 605 feet with an observation deck at 520 feet and a rotating restaurant at 500 feet. After traveling to the top of this astounding structural feat in a elevator traveling 10 miles per hour, I walked out to the observation deck and could see for miles and miles.



The gardens at the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit are magnificent. Blazing colors of glass blown to look like flora take the place of normal flowers and amaze with their brilliance and spender.



The International Fountain is a centerpiece surrounded by open space and lawn. The water dances to the sound of music, spurting out and beckoning children and adults to run around and get drenched by its water.



After an eventful day in Seattle, I began driving toward Olympic National Park. I would stay the night on the outskirts of the park and venture into the natural habitat on the second day of my Road Trip Adventure.