

# Going on a Trip

Big Idea: We all remember those summer vacations where our parents throw us and the suitcases into the car and drive off into the unknown. What is probably not realized is that the trip is well planned with reservations made at hotels and scheduled stops here and there.



Essential Question: If you could go anywhere in the United States where would you go and how would you plan for your trip?

Constraints:

- Must be a location in the United States
- Must travel by car to get there
- Must create a budget for how much the trip is going to cost including food, attractions, and lodging
- Must create a map to plot out your trip
- Can only take 7 days for the trip

Deliverable

You will plan a road trip to somewhere in the United States. You will plot out what roads you will take to reach your final destination, how many miles will you travel, where you will stay along the way, and other details. You will need to submit a budget for how much you need to bring including for meals and site seeing.

## Suggested Timeline

<p><b>DAY 1</b> How do you plan for a trip?</p>	<p><b>DAY 2</b> Plan a trip to Disney World as a class</p>	<p><b>DAY 3</b> Research possible destinations</p>	<p><b>DAY 4</b> Choose destination</p>	<p><b>DAY 5</b> Research the distance that must travel</p>
<p><b>DAY 6</b> Determine the distance they must travel</p>	<p><b>DAY 7</b> Decide where you are going to stay</p>	<p><b>DAY 8</b> Decide the cost of where they are going to stay</p>	<p><b>DAY 9</b> Decide where you are going to eat during their trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 10</b> Have student decide a budget for what they are going to eat during their trip</p>
<p><b>DAY 11</b> Have student decide what attractions they are going to see on their trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 12</b> Have student estimate the cost of the attractions they are going to see on their trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 13</b> Have student determine the entire budget for the trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 14</b> Have student double check the budget for the trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 15</b> Begin to create map of the trip</p>
<p><b>DAY 16</b> Create map of the trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 17</b> Create map of the trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 18</b> Create map of the trip</p>	<p><b>DAY 19</b> Make sure map and budget match one another</p>	<p><b>DAY 20</b> Website of the trips people planned</p>

## Lesson 1 – How do you plan for a trip?

Traveling across the United States can be a daunting task. From dealing with traffic to finding a cheap place to stay, it can be quite a challenge. How far will you have to travel to get to your destination? How long will this take? How much supplies and money will you have to take with you?

You must plan a trip for at least three people by car to your destination. You will have to determine many things for your trip which you will present.

1. Where will you be traveling?
2. How many miles will you be traveling?
3. How long will it take you to travel this distance by car?
4. Places you will be visiting along the way?
5. Places you will be eating along the way?
6. Places you will be sleeping along the way?

For this project you are going to be choosing a destination you have always wanted to visit. Could be based on whatever criteria you choose:

- Someplace you have never been
- An attraction you have always wanted to see
- A place where family lives
- A place you have been before but enjoy going to

You are going to plan the trip out from beginning to end, figuring out a budget for how much the entire trip is going to cost.

## Activity 1 – Planning a trip to Disney World

To show you what this should look like, we are going to plan a trip. We have to answer the following questions:

1. Where will you be traveling?
2. How many miles will you be traveling?
3. How long will it take you to travel this distance by car?
4. Places you will be visiting along the way?
5. Places you will be eating along the way?
6. Places you will be sleeping along the way?

The answer to #1 is Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Our starting destination will be Chicago, Illinois.

Second question is how many miles is it from Chicago to Orlando. You can use any number of online mapping systems to find the distance. For instance, on [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) if you go to route planner and then put in Chicago, Illinois as the starting point and Disneyworld as the end point, it indicates that the trip is 1161 miles one way.

It also gives you a time the trip should take but that is going non-stop. Most people do not do that. They may stop for gas, for a meal, to stretch their legs, for a bathroom break, or they want to break the long road trip up into a couple of days. Even driving straight through it would take over 17 hours which is almost a day. Rather than drive that long I am going to stop halfway through the trip and spend the night. In looking at the map, Nashville, Tennessee is about the halfway point and there is a lot to do there. My plan will be to drive to Tennessee which is 470 miles away. I can figure out how long this will take by dividing 470 by the average speed limit I will be doing which is 65 mph. That calculates to approximately 7.2 hours. I will most likely stop somewhere along the way for gas or to stretch my legs so I would say it will roughly take me 8 hours to get to Nashville.

I will spend the night in a hotel and head to Orlando the following day. It is 685 miles from Nashville to Orlando. Again using the 65 mph as my average, it will take me 10 and a half hours to complete my trip. Again with rest stops and gas my ballpark will be 11 total hours. That means my trip one way is going to take me 19 hours of driving.

Next we need to decide on places we would like to visit. Our two main stops are Nashville and Orlando. Nashville is just a single day, possibly two if we stop there on the way back. In Orlando we will be staying for 5 days so we need to plan for that.

Depending on the attractions we plan to visit will determine whether the budget will be high or low. For instance, if we go to go to a place that has an admission charge, that is going to

increase our budget. However, if you go to a free venue such as a park or a shopping plaza the budget will be lower.

Some attractions in Nashville:

- Country Music Hall of Fame - \$25
- Zip lining - \$40
- Nashville Shores Water Park - \$32
- Grand Old Opry - \$40-\$100
- Edwin and Percy Warner Parks – free
- Belle Meade Plantation - \$24
- Radnor Lake State Park – free
- Frist Art Museum - \$12
- Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge – free
- Madame Tussauds Wax Museum - \$24
- Nashville Public Library – free
- The Parthenon - \$6
- Tennessee State Museum - free
- Nashville Sounds Baseball Game - \$10 - \$30
- Nashville Flea Market – free

Have the class where they want to go.

We also need to pick some activities we would like to do in Orlando. Need to select five of these:

- Walt Disney World - \$100
- Universal Orlando - \$115
- Universal Resorts City Walk – free
- SeaWorld Orlando - \$100
- Lake Eola Park – free
- Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens - \$20
- Fun Spot America Theme Parks - \$45
- Gatorland - \$37
- Ocala National Forest – free
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament - \$63
- The World of Orchids – free
- Orlando Eye - \$26
- Pirate’s Dinner Adventure - \$60
- Ripley's Believe It or Not - \$20
- WonderWorks - \$35
- Anita S. Wooten Gallery – free
- Mennello Museum of American Art - \$5
- Orange County Regional History Center - \$8
- Orlando Museum of Art - \$15
- Fort Christmas – free
- Orlando Science Center - \$20

- Titanic The Experience - \$22
- Downtown Disney – free

As students choose their events keep a running tally on the cost of all of them.

When it comes to eating, you do not need to pick the actual restaurant of where you are eating unless you are going someplace specific like one of the many themed restaurants at Universal and Disney. Otherwise you can just indicate what type of venue you are going to.

- Fast food (i.e. McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Bell) - \$6 a person
- Sit down family restaurant lower budget (i.e. Cracker Barrel, Big Boy, Steak and Shake) - \$10 a person
- Sit down family restaurant higher budget (Applebees, Olive Garden) - \$15 a person
- Pizza - \$20
- High end restaurant - \$20 a person

You can always plan to buy groceries and fix some meals but will need to estimate how much you will spend on groceries)

You will have to determine how many meals you are going to be eating on your trip. For our trip to Orlando, we have to plan for 7 days of food (2 travel days, 5 at our destination)

That means if we plan to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner, that would be 21 meals we would need to budget for.

Go through each day and have class pick meal options for every meal. Keep a running tally.

The final question we will need to answer is where will we be sleeping during our vacation. Again, this depends on your choices:

- Campgrounds - \$30 a night
- Motel - \$50 a night
- Lower budget hotel - \$75 a night
- Mid budget hotel - \$100 a night

- Higher budget hotel - \$150 a night

We would need to have hotel accommodations for 7 nights (2 travel days, 5 destination days)

More than likely our destination lodging will be the same throughout.

Have the class make choices on where we are going to stay. Keep a running tally of how much it is going to cost.

Now go through all the aspects and get a final budget



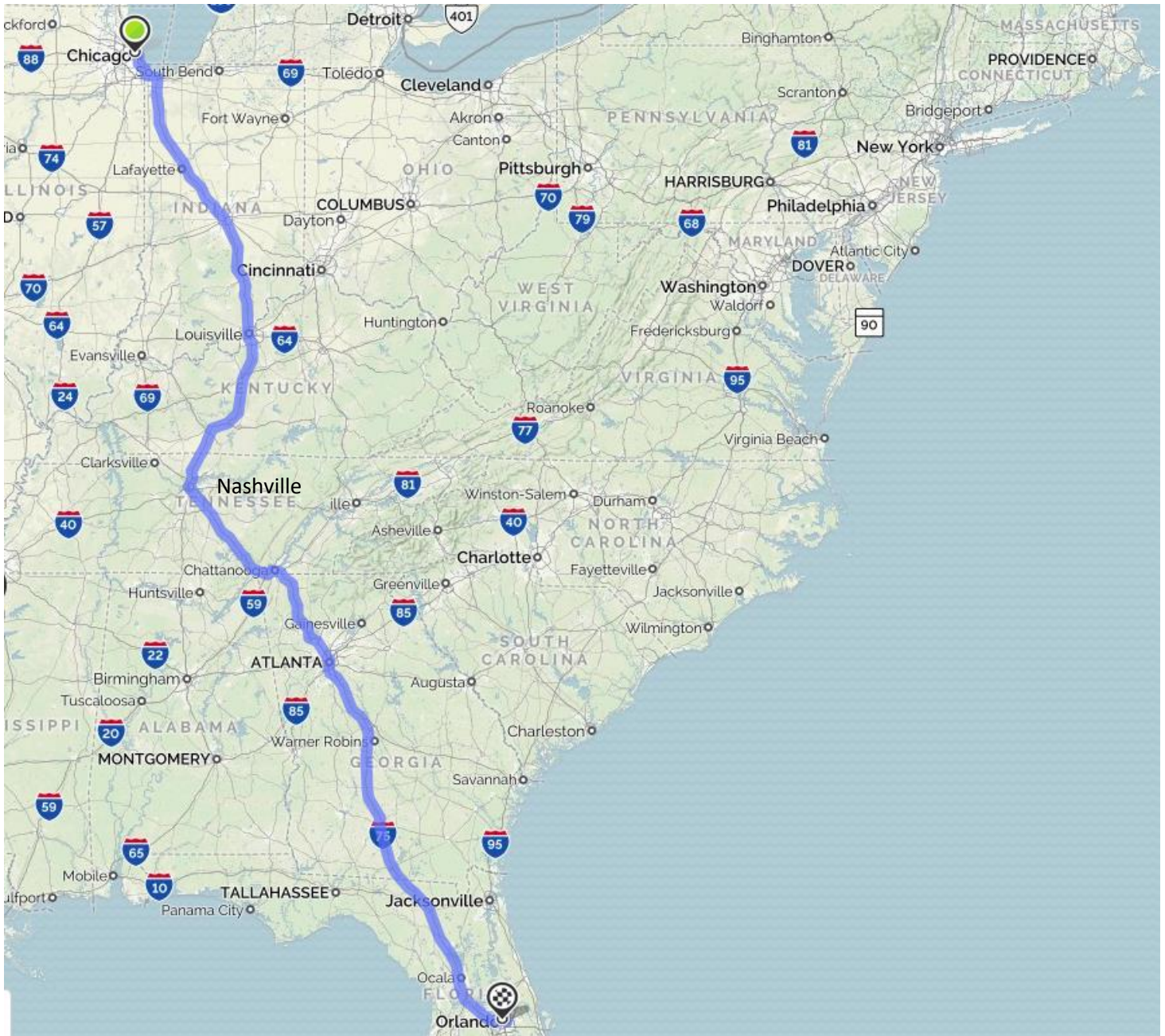
Places we will be visiting total \_\_\_\_\_

Places we will be eating total \_\_\_\_\_

Places we will be sleeping total \_\_\_\_\_

Total budget \_\_\_\_\_

The final aspect of our trip is to create a map of our route:



## Activity 2 – Choosing your destination

When choosing your destination there are a few things to consider:

- Somewhere you have never been
- An attraction you have always wanted to see
- A place where family lives
- A place you have been before but enjoy going to

The starting point will be where we currently are. Depending on how long it takes to travel will either add or take away from your vacation time. You have seven days total for your vacation including travel time so if it takes you three days to get there and three days to get back, you will only have a single day at your destination.

Have students use the internet to research possible locations for their vacation.

Choice #1 for vacation: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I am choosing it: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many days of travel might it take: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #2 for vacation: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I am choosing it: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many days of travel might it take: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice #3 for vacation: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason I am choosing it: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many days of travel might it take: \_\_\_\_\_

## Going on a Trip

Overall	Itinerary	Budget	Map
<p><b>Excellent</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every day is clearly scheduled out from beginning of the day to the end.</li> <li>• Describes in detail what will be done and where you will be going.</li> <li>• Includes alternatives should there be inclement weather or scheduling issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has figured out in much detail how much money to budget for attractions.</li> <li>• Has figured out in much detail how much money to budget for lodging.</li> <li>• Has figured out in much detail how much money to budget for food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map looks professional, with everything in proper proportion.</li> <li>• Map is properly labeled so that you can follow how many miles the route will be, what roads will be taken, and all of its destinations.</li> <li>• Map is large enough for people to see during the gallery walk.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Good</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every day is scheduled out but does not have a lot of detail.</li> <li>• Describes the basics of what will be done and where you will be going.</li> <li>• Includes a couple of alternatives should there be inclement weather or scheduling issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has figured out how much money to budget for attractions but could use more detail.</li> <li>• Has figured out how much money to budget for lodging but could use more detail.</li> <li>• Has figured out how much money to budget for food but could use more detail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map looks somewhat professional, with everything in proper proportion but some sloppy parts.</li> <li>• Map is mostly labeled so that you can follow how many miles the route will be, what roads will be taken, or all of its destinations, but not all.</li> <li>• Map is of good size but could be larger to enable people to see during the gallery walk.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Needs Improvement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not every day is scheduled out or has almost no detail.</li> <li>• At times does not even describe the basics of what will be done and where you will be going.</li> <li>• Does not include any alternatives should there be inclement weather or scheduling issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not figured out how much money to budget for attractions.</li> <li>• Has not figured out how much money to budget for lodging.</li> <li>• Has not figured out how much money to budget for food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map does not look professional, many things out of proportion.</li> <li>• Map is not properly labeled so that you have difficulty following how many miles the route will be, what roads will be taken, or all of its destinations.</li> <li>• Map is not large enough for people to see well during the gallery walk.</li> </ul>