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Trailblazers

Webquest for Middle and High Schoolers

Introduction: There is always something to be learned while traveling. Travel exposes you to different people, cultures, geography and natural wonders. In the summer of 1938, four women hopped in their car and took an epic cross country trip. Over the course of six weeks, they traveled 9,000 miles through 21 states on their roundtrip journey from York County to Los Angeles, California. Travel with them by viewing their photographs and diary excerpts on the **Trailblazers StoryMap**.

Curriculum Connections: This activity activates critical thinking skills, reading comprehension, text-based analysis, and outside research exposure. Students will pace through the virtual exhibit, looking at photos and maps and reading primary documents to answer questions and reflect. The questions are best suited for secondary education students.

Instructions:

1. Go to the online exhibit at the York County History Center's website.
<https://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums/trailblazers>
2. Use this worksheet as a guide to help you explore more about the geography and history of the United States in 1938.
3. When you get to the black bars on this worksheet, make sure to follow the instructions closely. Record your answer to the questions in the white boxes below it.

First Page: Read the summary.

1. What's the connection between the four women?
2. If they used 573 gallons of gas at a total cost of \$111, what was the average price paid for a gallon of gas? What is the average price for a gallon of gas today?

Begin the StoryMap.

3. Where were the Hively's from?

4. While in Little Rock Arkansas, they listened to the Schmeling vs Louis boxing match. View it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LNzWHuygpw>. This was more than a sporting event - What were the racial and political implications of this fight?
5. According to the diary entry, what was America's first national park? What medical treatment attracted people to this location?
6. The quartet reached Carlsbad Caverns on June 25th. According to this website <https://www.nps.gov/cave/index.htm>, how many caves are located there and how were they created?
7. What was interesting about the roads in the mountains near Phoenix, Arizona?
8. How did the quartet display integrity in Williams, Arizona?
9. What river creates the Grand Canyon? According to this website <https://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm>, the canyon is _____ river miles long, up to _____ miles wide, and _____ miles deep.
10. In 1938, What dam was the tallest dam in the world? What dam holds that distinction today?

Second Section

11. Explain the Great Depression:
12. Explain President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Policies:
13. Where did the inspiration for the American highway system come from?

StoryMap Part II

14. What is Pasadena best known for? <https://tournamentofroses.com/>
15. Where did the quartet go to view movie stars' homes?
16. Where did the quartet go to see a circus and fireworks? As of 2028, this stadium will be the first to host three what? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Memorial_Coliseum
17. Next, to Santa Catalina Island. How did William Wrigley, Jr. acquire his fortune? <https://www.britannica.com/biography/William-Wrigley-Jr>
18. List 3 popular attractions found at Griffith Park. <https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/griffith/pdf/GriffithParkInfo.pdf>
19. Lake Arrowhead is located in what National Forest and has what nickname? https://lakearrowhead.com/#row_1
20. Santa Barbara was the home to the first and only what in California?

Third Section

21. What illness killed Harriet's husband?
22. Both Hively sisters were employed in what occupation?

StoryMap Part III

23. According to the diary entry, what is the name of the largest and oldest living thing on earth? What is its estimated age and height? What is the name of the 2nd tallest? In what national park are they located?
24. Who did the quartet encounter while at Yosemite National Park?

25. What infamous prison did they see in San Francisco Bay? What was Al Capone's nickname?
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Al-Capone>
26. They crossed the Golden Gate Bridge that is the _____ and _____ suspension bridge in the world. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Gate_Bridge
27. Explore the Legion of Honor's website. <https://legionofhonor.famsf.org/> Select a piece of art and describe why you like it.
28. Explore the Presidio Time Machine:
https://timemachine.presidio.gov/?_ga=2.84395804.46061863.1589854152-1425144816.1589854152 Select an image and describe what it looked like then and now:
29. What famous geyser did they see at Yellowstone National Park? Check out the webcam views:
<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm#ugb>
30. At the time of their visit, Mt. Rushmore was not yet complete. Which president's face was still under construction? Check out a 3D explorer of Mt. Rushmore:
<https://www.cyark.org/projects/mount-rushmore-national-memorial/3D-Explorer>

Summary Reflections

Pick 3 locations you would like to visit and explain why.

1	Location: Why:
2	Location: Why:
3	Location: Why:

