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Leaving on a Jet Plane: Travel

Hook & Inspire! Connections to Today

Ignite students' interest by sharing these resources, which demonstrate connections between the past and present. Please be sure to preview all resources.

Travel

For centuries, individuals have set out to visit new or interesting places around the world. Some people set out to visit historical places, some exotic places, areas with a variety of animals or extreme excursions. Others may just want to enjoy the scenery or geographical features not normally found in their native areas. In centuries past, most people traveled by foot to see the world. Only the wealthy traveled by carriage or boat.

In the mid-1800s travel changed and became more accessible for everyone. The railroad or train system made travel easier and affordable for most people. Hotels began popping up at railway station cities. Even boat transportation became more affordable allowing travel from one side of the continent to another. This travel broadened horizons for many and created major cities at the same time.

The invention of the airplane created a faster way to travel. However, airplane travel was expensive so mostly the wealthy used this form of travel. As airline travel has continued to evolve, travel is now easier than ever. A quick jump on an airplane can take travelers almost anywhere. This is the fastest form of travel, depending on the destination.

Airline travel can also be a transporter of diseases and sicknesses, as found with the COVID outbreak. This fast form of travel ended up being a fast mover of the virus as well. During the pandemic travel ceased worldwide. Individuals found new ways to travel, either by staying home and watching travel television or by purchasing new homes within driving distance to visit new destinations.

As travel began again, individuals took advantage of being able to explore new places, even if a mask or vaccine was mandatory. Travel resumed and at record highs. People were more than ready to explore and visit places outside their area. However, now travelers face canceled or delayed travel at record numbers. Higher prices for airline tickets and gas. Lack of pilots and stewards create a major issue and fewer available flights. Even luggage disappears and never returns.

Even with all the travel woes people are still traveling. They are ready to see new sights and learn about different cultures. This need for discovery continues as it has since the beginning of time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1). How did people travel to new destinations prior to the invention of the airplane? Why do you think people wanted to travel?

Student answers may vary depending on experiences. People often traveled on foot as it was the cheapest way to travel. It was not uncommon for people to take pilgrimages or long trips by foot. Some would travel by horse or buggy but most could not afford this form of travel. Boat travel became more popular and affordable as time went on. People enjoy learning about new places and cultures. This seems to be a good way of staying in touch with others too.

2). Many states and countries promote travel by using various forms of media to encourage people to visit their locations. What travel ads have you seen either online or on social media?

Student answers may vary depending on experiences. Many states have travel ads on social media. The National Parks service has ads encouraging you to visit their parks.

3). Prior to the rise of the Roman empire people walked or traveled on dirt roads or trails.

Some created the trails as they traveled from one place to another. How did the Romans help with travel and transportation?

Student answers may vary depending on experiences. The Romans invented the first roads, made of stone, and continued to improve this throughout their empire. Archaeological digs have also found evidence of roads like the Romans as early as 4000 BC. [The History of Transportation](#)

4). Why would a city or area want to have sustainable tourism? Why would this be important?

Student answers may vary depending on experiences. Sustainable tourism benefits the traveler as well as the city. It might involve going green in some areas, or having signs that say “don’t walk here.” This can protect citizens, wildlife, and the environment. Sustainable tourism also allows cities to save money while encouraging a better landscape for their tourists. [What is sustainable tourism?](#)

5). What are some things that a traveler can do to help an area stay sustainable for future travelers?

Student answers may vary depending on experiences. Tourists can recycle trash in given trash bins. It is helpful to not touch the wildlife, even when swimming in the ocean, to ensure oils do not affect the animals or environment. Tourists can also use less water like they would at their own home.

Share the online resources below with your class to stimulate discussion on these questions. Be sure to preview the clips before showing or sharing them in class to ensure the content is appropriate for your students.

LINKS TO RESOURCES

Videos

- 1). [History of Transportation](#); This video looks at the history of transportation.
- 2). [Top 10 Places To Visit In 2022](#); This video looks at the top 10 places to visit around the world.
- 3). [Anna and her first trip](#); This video shows a fictional trip for Anna.
- 4). [We All Go Traveling By](#); This video is a sing a long song about traveling.
- 5). [Istanbul | Turkey with Kids | Top 10 things to do in Turkey](#); This video is a travel guide to Istanbul with kids. Almost every major area has a video like this.

Media

- 1). [Traveling for pleasure: a brief history of tourism](#); This article discusses why people travel. There are some great nostalgic photos in the article as well.
- 2). [How to Help Your Kids Explore Family History Through Travel](#); This article discusses travel in terms of family history. Instead of traveling physically, you create a museum within your home with places in your family history.
- 3). [Tourism](#); This is a good website for discussing tourism and travel.

- 4). [The fascinating history of tourism](#); Another great website involving travel and the history of travel.
- 5). [What is Sustainable Tourism?](#); This website discusses how areas can have sustainable tourism.

Websites

- 1). [History of Travelling: How people started to travel](#); This website reviews the history of travel around the world.
- 2). [Come Explore A World Worth Knowing](#); This website addresses travel based on historical places.
- 3). [What is the History of Transportation?](#); This website takes a look at transportation changes over the decades.
- 4). [Traveling through Time](#); This website discusses the history of travel. It also looks at current travel trends.
- 5). [A Brief History of Travel and Tourism](#); This is another informational tool concerning travel and tourism.

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