Lesson 3: One Last Stop!

UNIT: Road Trip

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Amy.

My family and I used to go on lots of road trips when I was a kid. One summer, we drove across the entire state of Texas in one day. At first, it was really exciting, but after a few hours, the car ride started to feel really long. To make the time go faster, my brother and I would play games, tell jokes. We even made up stories about the unique things we saw on the way.

Like this one time, we saw a giant metal cow by the side of the road. My brother said it was a superhero cow saving the town from a cotton candy monster. And I made up a whole story about how it snuck into different towns at night to paint mustaches on all of the statues.

We made up some pretty memorable stories, and suddenly the long drive didn't feel so long anymore. Making up stories is just one way to pass the time on a road trip. There are lots of ways to have fun while you're in the car for a long time.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What are some things you would do if you were in a car for a long time?

HOOK 2

Maybe you said you'd sing songs or draw pictures or maybe you'd even make up a new game to play. You might have said something else and that's great. There are lots of great ways to pass the time on a long car ride or a road trip.

You've been helping Lane and her aunt on their road trip. You've used your opinion and came up with reasons to help them pick where to stop along their trip.

For the first part of the trip, you chose between the Fremont Troll in Washington and Sweet Willy in Idaho. For the second part of the trip, you chose between the Sun Tunnels in Utah and Tiny Town and Railroad in Colorado.

It's time for Lane and her aunt to plan the last part of their road trip home. You'll see the last two stops that they could stop at along the way. After you make a decision, you'll support your opinion with two reasons why they should stop there.

Get ready to plan the last part of Lane and her aunt's road trip itinerary.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Get your Stop #3 worksheet and write your name and date here.

STEP 4

Lane and her aunt need your help one last time deciding on where to stop for the last part of their road trip home. Here are the two billboards Lane took pictures of when they drove through this area the first time.

The first one is Ethyl The Whale in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This giant whale statue made out of plastic is named Ethyl. It's 82 feet long and made out of 5,000 pounds of recycled plastic like milk jugs and old detergent bottles. It's bigger than a school bus. Make sure to take a cool photo of yourself with the giant plastic whale in the desert.

The second one is Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, Texas. Cadillac Ranch is a place to see ten painted cars sticking out of the ground. These cars are Cadillacs, which are a type of car brand. These colorful vehicles are always changing because anyone who passes by can bring their own paint and add designs. When you're done adding a design to a car, you can take a fun picture.

Think about where Lane and her aunt should stop.

Discuss with a partner: Where do you think Lane and her aunt should stop? You might have a different opinion than your partner, and that's okay.

STEP 5

Get your Stop #3 stop number three worksheet.

Look at the map on the bottom half of your page.

Circle the stop that you chose.

STEP 6

Now you'll write your opinion of where you think Lane and her aunt should stop.

Here are some things to remember as you write: make sure to capitalize the first letter in the state and the stop. Don't write a period yet—you'll connect your reason to this sentence later with the word "because."

If you're not sure how to start your sentence, you can use this idea: "For their last stop, they should stop in" blank, "to see" blank.

Use these lines to write your sentence.

STEP 7

Think about why you chose this stop. Let's look at the billboards again. The first one is:

Ethyl the Whale

- Take a picture with a giant whale in the desert.
- It's bigger than a school bus.
- Made completely out of recycled plastic.

The second one is:

Cadillac Ranch

- Ten painted cars sticking out of the ground.
- Add your own design to the cars.
- Take a picture to remember your art.

You can use the facts on the billboards to help you think of two reasons why you chose your stop.

Discuss with a partner: What are two reasons you chose this stop? If you need help, you can look at the facts on the billboards.

STEP 8

Continue writing where you left off by adding "because" and your first reason. When you're done writing your first reason, give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 9

Add one more reason to explain why you chose your stop. Once you have your idea, you can start a new sentence where you left off. If you're not sure how to start your next sentence, you can use one of these:

- A second reason is _____
- Another reason to stop here is _____

STEP 10

Take turns sharing your writing with your partner.

You can make changes if you want to.

WRAP UP

Wow! Great job writing about the last stop on Lane's itinerary. You expressed your opinion and came up with two reasons why they should stop there. Way to go! Your writing is on the road to awesome.

Next time you'll finish up by adding an introduction and conclusion.

Be sure to put your V.I.Ps somewhere safe. See you next time.