



Sacramento, CA Teacher's Packet

This packet can be used either before or after a visit to the California Auto Museum. It is intended to complement the information presented in the Sacramento, CA Program.

Included in this packet:

- Applicable California History-Social Science Standards and California Common Core State Standards
- Additional Activity Recommendations for games, songs, and books
- Vocabulary Matching Activity
- Route 66 Geography Activity
- Oral History interview Project

History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools:

- 4.1.5 Use maps, charts, and pictures to describe how communities in California vary in land use, vegetation, wildlife, climate, population density, architecture, services, and transportation.
- 4.4.5 Discuss the effects of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and World War II on California.
- 4.4.6 Describe the development and locations of new industries since the turn of the century.

California Common Core State Standards:

- College and Career Readiness Standards for Speaking and Listening K-5
- Comprehension and Collaboration 1-3
- Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas 4-6

Additional Classroom Activity Recommendations:

Games –

- State License Plates: Have students record how many different state license plates they see through-out the week

Music Recommendations-

- "Rocket 88" by Jackie Brenston
- "Route 66" by Nat King Cole
- "Life is a Highway" by Rascal Flatts
- "409" by the Beach Boys

Book Recommendations-

- *Race Forever: Choose Your Own Adventure #7*, by R. A. Montgomery
- *The Little Red Racing Car*, by Dwight Knowlton
- *Molly the Muscle Car*, by Michael Morris
- *The City Kid & the Suburb Kid*, by Deb Pilutti

VOCABULARY MATCH

Boom	A car that has been altered so that it can be driven and raced at very fast speeds
Consumerism	A farming area that has become a desert because of no rain
Dust Bowl	A group of American-made two-door sports coupes with powerful engines designed for high-performance driving
Great Depression	A residential community outside of the town or city
Hot Rod	A time in our and world history when there was an economic depression with thousands of people unemployed
Keeping up with the Joneses	A war from 1939 to 1945 that was fought mainly in Europe and Asia
Muscle Car	Something that you purchase or own that shows a high degree of wealth of social status
Population	The city or town
Status Symbol	The idea that it is good for people to spend a lot of money on products and services
Suburbs	The number of people who live in a specific area
Urban	To always want what your neighbor has
World War II	To suddenly expand or grow



Lyrics courtesy of Google Play

Use a globe or a classroom map, find the cities and states mentioned in the song lyrics to “Route 66” and mark them on the blank map on the next page.

Well, if you ever plan to motor West
Just take my way that's the highway that's the best
Get your kicks on Route 66

Well, it winds from Chicago to L.A.
More than 2000 miles all the way
Get your kicks on Route 66

Well, goes from St. Louie down to Missouri
Oklahoma City, looks oh so pretty
You'll see Amarillo and Gallup, New Mexico
Flagstaff, Arizona don't forget Winona
Kingman, Barstow, San Bernardino

Would you get hip to this kindly tip
Yes and go take that California trip
Get your kicks on Route 66

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Would you get hip to this kindly tip
Yes and go take that California trip
Get your kicks on Route 66
And get your kicks on Route 66
And get your kicks on the Route 66

Map of US Route 66

Educational Map courtesy of Wikipedia



Report from the Past

Interview a family member or friend about living in the 1950s or 1960s. Use these questions to get you started, but you can ask more questions as you think of them!

What was your first car? What did it look like?

What do you remember most about cars in the 1950s and 1960s?

What were gas stations like in the 1950s and 1960s?

What was it like driving in the City? What was it like to drive in the Suburbs?

Do you remember any businesses opening up during this time?

If you were here in Sacramento, how did Sacramento change in the 1950s and 1960s?
