In route to the stockholders’ meeting, Jenna and Mrs. Gladstone drive cross country from Chicago, Illinois to Dallas, Texas, in Mrs. Gladstone’s Cadillac. This is Jenna’s first road trip as she has recently turned 16. What does she learn on the road, and how would you get to Dallas if you were in the driver’s seat? Remember you will be stopping in Peoria, Springfield, St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Shreveport and then on to Dallas, Texas - your final stop.

You need to plan your trip to Dallas. Mrs. Gladstone has put you in charge of planning the entire trip. How will you get to each destination? Where will you stay? Where will you eat? You have a budget of $800.00. There are many components to your trip: 1. How many miles to the gallon does your Cadillac get (mpg)? 2. How much is gasoline and how much will it cost you throughout the trip? 3. How many hours will it take to get to each destination? 4. Where are you going to eat along the way? Remember Mrs. Gladstone has very expensive taste - I don’t think she will want to eat at McDonalds. 5. Where are you going to stay each night? Mrs. Gladstone would like to be comfortable each night, but remember that you have a budget. 6. Keep a journal. In your journal have an entry for each day and your itinerary for that day. Also add any thoughts or incidents that happen during your trip. If you don’t spend the entire budget, Mrs. Gladstone will give you whatever is left over as a bonus.

Step #1 Choose your Cadillac from the Cadillac website, http://www.cadillac.com/index.jsp?noredirect=true. Remember, the mpg your car get is very important when you are working on a budget of only $800. Choose wisely and write a description of your car that includes the mpg. Be sure to choose a Cadillac that Mrs. Gladstone would buy.

Step #2 Find directions starting from Chicago and ending in Dallas. You have 6 stops along the way: Peoria, Springfield, St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Shreveport and then on to Dallas, Texas. Use a map website like Mapquest, http://www.mapquest.com/ to plan your route. In this step you need to know how many miles are inbetween each stop, how many times you need to fill up with gas and the cost of the gasoline @ each stop.

Step #3 You have to eat along the way, and Mrs. Gladstone is a classy lady so plan to spend the following:

At Least
Meal $5-10
Breakfast $10-15
Lunch
Dinner $15-20

Remember, some hotels serve breakfast so you may be able to save money there.

Step #4 Research how much it will cost you to spend the night in each place. You need to plan for 7 nights. Use websites like www.hotels.com, www.orbitz.com, www.expedia.com, www.travelocity.com, etc. to find the best deals on hotels. Write out the hotel name, include the city, star rating, price and whether or not the hotel serves breakfast. You may not drive more than 5 hours on any given day; Mrs. Gladstone has a bad hip. Also, Mrs. Gladstone has very expensive taste, so she will want to stay at a nice hotel. Therefore, it may not be less than 3 stars. Remember, you only have a total budget of $800.

Step #5 Write a diary entry for each day of your trip (at least 100 words each) in which you record lessons Jenna (you) learns along the way. The more detail the better. Be sure to explain the lesson well, describe who/what teaches it and relate it
to some aspect of your (actually you, not Jenna) own life. Each entry must be dated and will be graded for spelling, capitalization, punctuation and grammar.

Your final project should include the following: (each slide should represent a day/location from your trip):

1. How many miles is it between destinations? How long did it take you to get there? How many gallons of gas did you use? Did you need to fill up the Cadillac?
2. Where did you eat breakfast, lunch and dinner? How much was each?
3. Where did you stay each night? How much was it?
4. Write about the trip. Did anything happen? What did you learn?
5. How much was the entire trip? Did you save Mrs. Gladstone any money?

The Final Project is worth 80 points (10 points for each explanation of each day you traveled & 10 points for creativity, neatness, spelling, capitalization, etc.)

By now, you have successfully planned a road trip. I hope you learned tons about Cadillacs, mpg, food and lodging. Good job guys!!!

At the end of the lesson, students will have calculated how long it should take to drive from Chicago to Dallas. This should help with background knowledge for the reading of Rules of the Road.

Standards

Credits

Other