If you had unlimited funds and four days to explore the United States, where would you go and what would you do?

Planning: Use the Internet sites provided on the Road Trip USA page of the Student Zone at the HJHS website to help you plan your trip.

1. Make a list of the places you would like to visit and the things you plan to do at each location. You will need one location (city, park, etc.) for each day.
2. Organize your trip so that it you can travel to each location in a reasonable manner – fly by plane, drive a rental car, ride a train, etc.
3. Research each location to discover interesting facts to help you write a good description for each place you visit.

Presentation Requirements: Your final presentation must include...

Title Slide - Create a title slide that includes a title for your trip as well as your first and last names.

➢ You must use the WordArt tool to create the title for this slide.
➢ You also need to include a background or picture that reflects the theme of your vacation.

Travel Slides - Create four slides that outline what you will do each day of your trip.

➢ Try to be as specific as possible when describing the places you plan to visit or the things you will do each day.
➢ You must visit one town, city, park, etc. each day!
➢ You must visit two attractions or do two things are each location. Each slide must include two paragraphs (3-5 sentences each) to describe the two places you visited.
➢ Each slide must include two pictures – one of each place you visit. You may use clip art from the Microsoft Online gallery, a Google image search, or other websites.

Remember ... You need to visit TWO places at each location and provide a paragraph for each as well as a picture.

Travel Map - Create a final slide that includes a map to show the various locations you visited during your trip along with a summary of the total distance you traveled.

➢ Find a map diagram that shows the locations you visited. Use the tools available in the drawing toolbar to label your map with arrows and text boxes to show the trip from start to finish.
➢ Use the *Custom Animation* option to animate the arrows on this slide to show where you traveled from Day 1 to Day 4.
➢ Each arrow must be labeled with the distance traveled between each location. Use the "How Far Is It?" or MapQuest to help you calculate distances. Go to the Road Trip USA sites to find the links!
➢ You will also need to include the total distance you traveled during the entire trip somewhere on the slide.

YOU CANNOT START CREATING YOUR PRESENTATION UNTIL THE PLANNING PAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY YOUR TEACHER!

Planning Page Due - _____

Final Presentation Due - _____

Happy Trails!

Final Checklist: The following criteria will be used in grading the presentation...

Part A: Does it include all the requirements outlined in the Presentation Requirements section?
- ☐ Did you include six slides: a title slide, four travel slides, and a final slide with a map?
- ☐ Did you use *WordArt* for the title on the title page?
- ☐ Did you include your first and last names?
- ☐ Did you include a background image or other graphic on the title slide that represents your trip?
- ☐ Did you visit at least two places each day and include a paragraph (3-5 sentences) for each?
- ☐ Did you include two graphics for each day – one for each place you visited?
- ☐ Did you include a map on the last slide that is labeled with arrows to show where you traveled each day and the distance you traveled?
- ☐ Did you use the *Custom Animation* feature to animate the lines and arrows on your travel map?
- ☐ Did you include the distances you traveled (daily and total) on your final slide?

Part B: Does it reflect good planning and research efforts?
- ☐ Did you complete the planning template and have it approved before you starting your presentation?
- ☐ Did you include relevant information and graphics for each day/location?
- ☐ Was the trip planned to move easily from one location to another?

Part C: What is the overall appeal of the presentation - great, good, bad, or ugly?
- ☐ Did you select good colors and styles for text, backgrounds, etc. so the slides are easily viewed?
- ☐ Did you check the text on your slides for grammatical or spelling errors?
- ☐ Did you format the slides so they are attractive and uncluttered?

Part D: Does it demonstrate a good knowledge of the PowerPoint program?
- ☐ Were you able to create the presentation on your own using the knowledge from class lessons?
- ☐ Did you set up the presentation using the proper tools and methods?
- ☐ Did you save the presentation and related files in the correct format and location?
- ☐ Did you print a copy of your presentation and hand it in with the planning template? Remember to selection the "Handout" option with 6 slides per page in the print window.

Don't forget...

1 - A selection of Internet sites has been provided on the Road Trip USA page of the Student Zone at the Havana Junior High School website. Go to http://mason.k12.il.us/havanajh/ and click the link for Student Zone. Use the pull-down menu at the top of the page to find the link for Road Trip USA Websites.

2 - The planning template with post-it notes must be approved before you start making your presentation! You do not have to have everything perfect, but do need a rough sketch/outline of the trip and the things you will do each day. You will be allowed to make changes to the template as you work on the presentation.

3 - Save often! Save all of your presentation files in one of your folders on the JHStudnt server.

IMPORTANT: When you are finished with your presentation, check for spelling or grammatical errors before printing your presentation. Be sure to select the "Handout" option with 6 slides per page in the print window!

Make a plan ... Where do you want to go on your trip? What will you do at each location? Remember, you need to visit two places each day. Add information to the boxes below that describes the two places you will visit at each location along with the names of the graphics you want to include.

Title Slide	Day 1	Day 2
Remember to use WordArt for your title and include your first and last names You will also need to include a background image or picture related to the theme of your trip		

Day 3	Day 4	Travel Map
		Find a map of the US or individual state maps for this slide. The map must be labeled with arrows and distances as well as include the total distance traveled. .

NOTE: If you save pictures or other information from the Internet, save the items <u>in your folder on the</u> server! You may want to rename the files so you can easily remember them.

<u>Have this page approved by your teacher BEFORE you begin creating your presentation</u>! You do not have to have everything perfect, but do need a rough sketch/outline of the trip and the things you will do each day. You will be allowed to make changes as you work on the presentation, but cannot start until you have the teacher's approval.