Let’s Take A Trip!

It’s time for our next class project! For this project, you must work by yourself or with ONE partner in your class* to plan out a road-trip around Canada and the United States. You can visit ANYWHERE you want within the 2 countries and money isn’t a problem. Maybe you have always wanted to see a show on Broadway in New York, or you would like to hike the Appalachian Trail. Maybe you’ve been dying to see Mt. Rushmore, or to catch a ferry to visit Niagara Falls. Well now’s your chance!

Your project must include several things:

• You must have a POSTER BOARD with a map of your travels to present to the class. This map can be printed out, hand drawn, traced, etc. It needs to be big so the whole class can see it and colorful!
• The route that you take between your stops on your road-trip needs to be BOLD. Use string, markers, highlighters, glitter, or anything else you would like, just make sure that the route stands out from the map so that it is easily visible. Also, you must take an actual highway, you can’t just make up your own road across mountains or lakes!
• You must have AT LEAST 5 different stops along the way. You can have more than 5 if you want! If the majority of your trip will be spent in the United States then you must have AT LEAST 1 of those stops in Canada. (If you do the majority of your trip in Canada, then you must have AT LEAST 1 stop in the United States.)
• You must calculate the number of miles it will take between each stop to get there and have it written on your poster board. (Google Maps can help 😊)
• On your poster, you need to give me a picture of each monument, physical feature, or attraction that you see, and a short biography of each place. This can be 2-3 sentences. There should be a total of 5 to get full credit, but you can choose to do more.
• Along with your poster, you will write or type a travel journal. This travel journal will be detailing what you “did” at each place. You can say “Dear Mrs. Mosley…” , “Dear Diary…” or anything else you would like. In your travel journal entries you can talk about what you did, saw, ate, bought, thought or learned at each place. EACH ENTRY NEEDS TO BE THREE PARAGRAPHS! This travel journal will be for HALF of your project grade.
• Have fun and be creative!

EXTRA CREDIT: If you are interested in earning some extra points on your project grade to help improve your class average, you have the option of creating a Travel Suitcase. In this suitcase will be artifacts either created, found, or actually from places on your poster. Some ideas to include are: postcards that you have either drawn by hand or that are actually from your real life travels, souvenirs, pictures, t-shirts, magnets, buttons, brochures, etc. The sky is the limit on this portion of the project so get creative! You don’t actually have to visit the places on your poster to create a travel suitcase. You can hand draw/create each item in your suitcase. To get the full 10 Extra Credit points, there needs to be an artifact from EACH stop.

*If you choose to work with a partner, make sure you are able to get together outside of class to work on your project. We will have several days in class spent in the computer lab for research but the majority of the project will need to be completed at home.