

We the People

Fill in the circle to complete the sentence. Then answer questions 3, 4, and 5.

1. The U.S. Constitution was written _____.
Ⓐ by a single person
Ⓑ in the summer of 1787
Ⓒ in 13 days' time
2. The Preamble to the Constitution is the _____.
Ⓐ introduction
Ⓑ debate
Ⓒ conclusion
3. How would you interpret the meaning of Ben Franklin's comment?

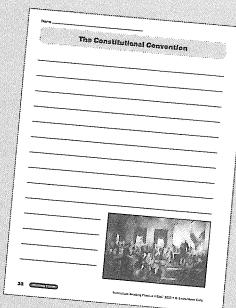
4. Explain the purpose of the Preamble to the Constitution.

5. Today, people can visit the meeting room of the Constitutional Convention. Why do you think this place has been saved and cared for?

Write About the Topic

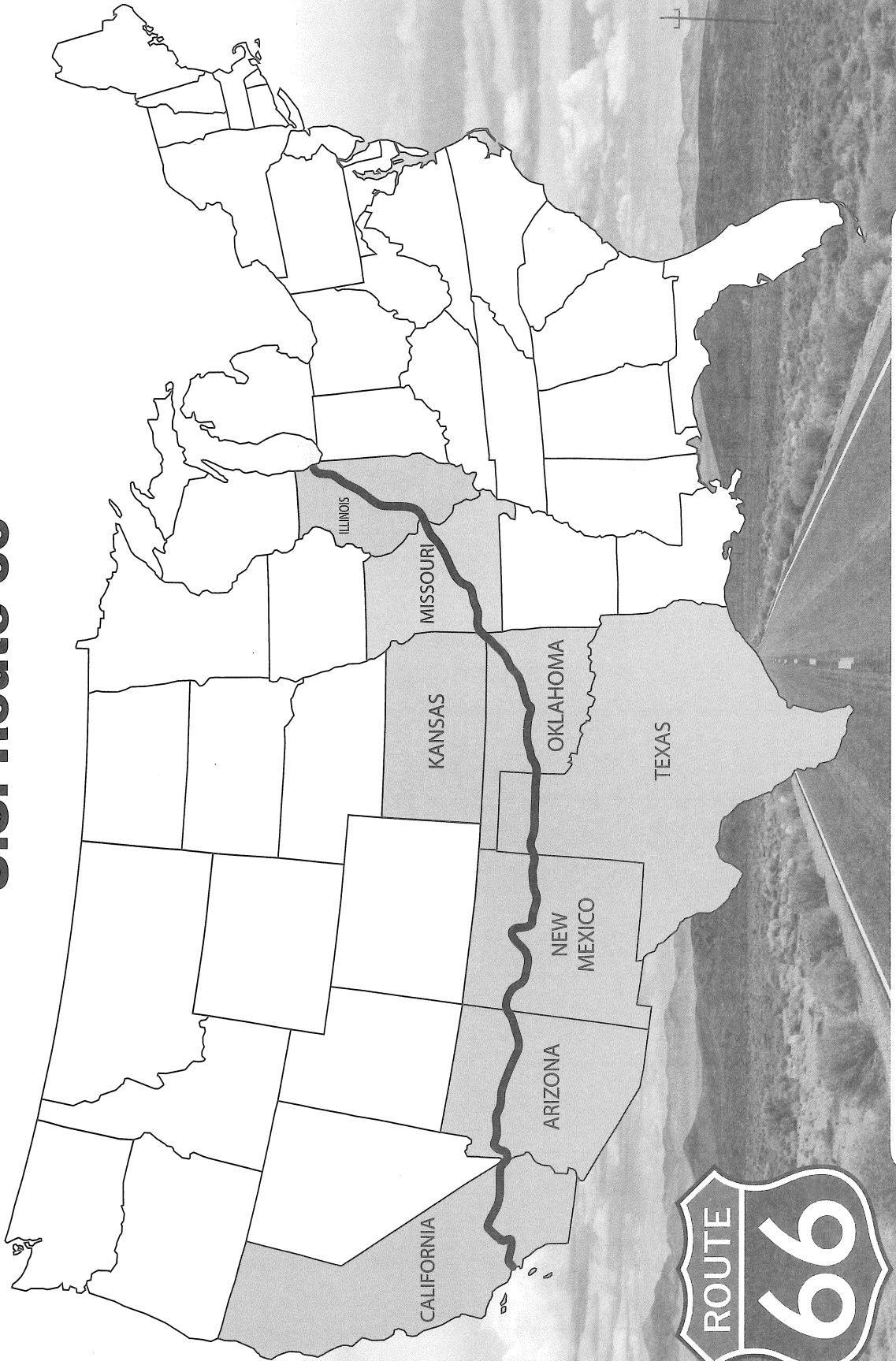
Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Imagine you were there at the Constitutional Convention. Write a journal entry about the final day.



Map

U.S. Route 66



U.S. Route 66 stretched 2,448 miles (3,940 km) through eight states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois.

Name _____

A Historic Road



Words to Know

U.S. Route 66

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U.S. Route 66

Do you know what your street looked like a hundred years ago? It has probably changed a lot since then. U.S. Route 66 was a road that saw many changes. This famous road has been written about in books. It has been the subject of TV shows and songs. Route 66 ran 2,448 miles (3,940 km) across the United States. It carried a lot of history.



For hundreds of years, Native Americans followed animal tracks to hunt. Mountain men blazed trails along the same paths to set their fur traps. Next came the pioneers moving west in wagons. Gold was discovered in California in 1849. People used the same route to get there. Railroad companies laid tracks along the flat and wide route.

In 1908, Henry Ford began to manufacture automobiles. People could drive out into the countryside. They wanted paved roads. In 1926, Route 66 became an official U.S. highway. It was the first paved road to run all the way from Illinois to California. During the 1930s and '40s, people drove west on Route 66. They were looking for work on farms and in manufacturing plants. In the 1950s and '60s, many Americans enjoyed taking road trips. They drove U.S. Route 66 to visit the Grand Canyon and Disneyland.

Wider, straighter, and safer highways were built. Old Route 66 was used less and less. It was officially removed from the U.S. highway system in 1985. The parts that still exist today are called Historic Route 66. Most of the filling stations, trading posts, and motels are closed. But Route 66 is still remembered as a road of dreams that carried people west.



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Many small businesses grew along U.S. Route 66.

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1. Route 66 started out as a _____.
Ⓐ railroad
Ⓑ U.S. highway
Ⓒ hunting trail
2. In 1926, Route 66 was _____.
Ⓐ made an official U.S. highway
Ⓑ only an unpaved route
Ⓒ discovered by mountain men
3. How does the author support the idea that Route 66 is famous?

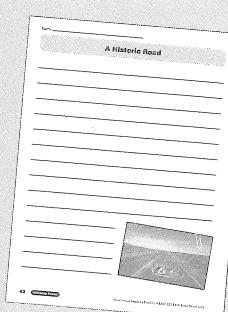
4. What is the connection between Henry Ford and Route 66?

5. Give two reasons that Route 66 changed over time.

Write About the Topic

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The author says Route 66 carried a lot of history.
Write to explain what that means.

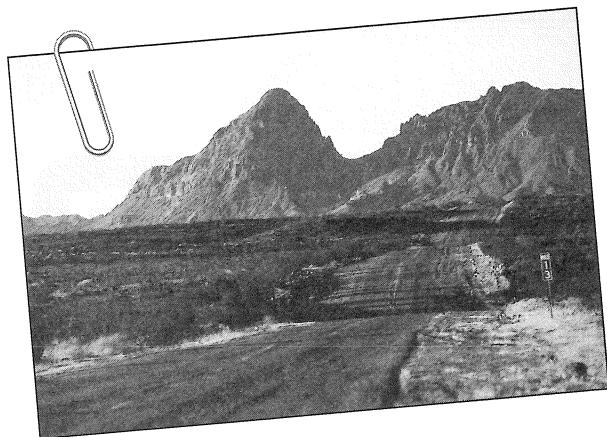


Main Street, U.S.A.

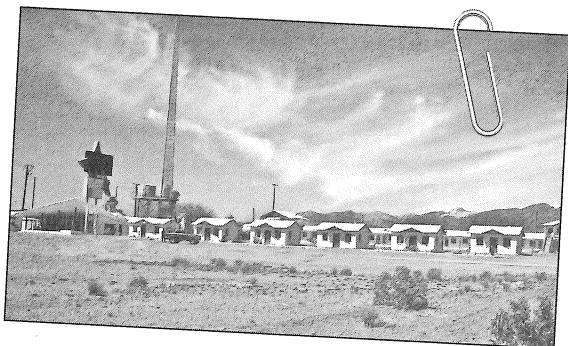
What did your street look like a hundred years ago? It has probably changed over time. U.S. Route 66 was a road that saw many changes, too. This famous road has been written about in books. It has been the subject of TV shows and songs. Route 66 stretched 2,448 miles (3,940 km) across the United States, and it carried a lot of history.

For hundreds of years, Native Americans followed animal tracks to hunt. Later, mountain men blazed trails along the same paths in order to set their fur traps. Next came the pioneers moving west in wagons. Gold was discovered in California in 1849. People used the same route to seek their fortunes there. About 10 years later, railroads were built along the flat and wide route.

In 1908, Henry Ford began to manufacture automobiles. Motorists took off into the countryside. They wanted to drive on paved roads. In 1926, Route 66 became an official U.S. highway. It was the first paved road to run all the way from Illinois to California. During the 1930s and '40s, people drove west on U.S. Route 66. They were looking for work on farms and in war-time plants. In the 1950s and '60s, many Americans enjoyed taking road trips. They drove along Route 66 to visit the Grand Canyon and Disneyland.



Motorists enjoyed the beautiful scenery along old Route 66.



Families could stay at motor hotels, or motels, along U.S. Route 66.

Wider, straighter, and safer highways were built. Old Route 66 was used less and less. In 1985, it was officially removed from the U.S. highway system. The parts that still exist today are called Historic Route 66. Most of the old Route 66 filling stations, diners, and motels are closed. But U.S. Route 66 is still remembered as a road of dreams that carried people west.

Main Street, U.S.A.

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1. Route 66 _____.
 (A) has completely disappeared
 (B) was 2,448 miles (3,940 km) long
 (C) opened in 1985
 2. The word *motel* combines the two words _____.
 (A) motor + highway
 (B) motor + route
 (C) motor + hotel
 3. What happened when automobiles became popular after 1908?
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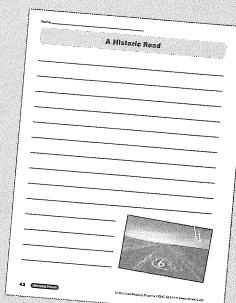
4. What has happened to the businesses along Route 66 today? Why?
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5. How did it happen that Route 66 was no longer a U.S. highway?
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People traveled Route 66 for almost 60 years. Describe some of their reasons.



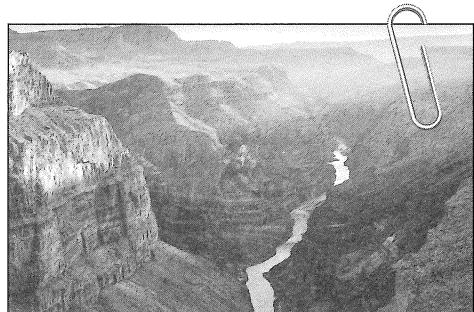
America's Main Street

The street where you live has probably changed over time. Have you ever wondered what it looked like a hundred years ago? U.S. Route 66 is one road that changed over time. It was such a famous road that it has been called the Main Street of America. This highway ran 2,448 miles (3,940 km) across the United States, and it carried a lot of history.

Hundreds of years before America existed, Native Americans followed animal tracks as they hunted. Later, mountain men blazed trails along the same paths and set their fur traps. The pioneers came next, moving west with all their belongings in horse-drawn wagons. By 1849, people wanted a route to California because gold had been discovered there. Railroad companies looked for the easiest land to lay tracks on. They built railroads along the route.

In 1908, Henry Ford began to manufacture automobiles. Motorists took off into the countryside. But there weren't many good paved roads. In 1926, Route 66 became the first paved road to wind all the way from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California. It became an official U.S. highway. During hard times in the 1930s, people drove west on Route 66 looking for farm work. In the 1940s, they went west looking for jobs building war planes. By the 1950s and '60s, many Americans were able to enjoy traveling by car. They drove U.S. Route 66 to visit places such as the Grand Canyon and Disneyland.

Over the years, safer highways were built. They were wider and straighter. The old U.S. Route 66 wasn't used much anymore. In 1985, after almost 60 years, it was officially removed from the U.S. highway system. Today it's called Historic Route 66. The filling stations, trading posts, and motels along it are mainly closed. But Route 66 still holds the memories of the dreamers who went west.



Grand Canyon National Park, not far from Route 66, was a favorite place for visitors.



Businesses such as diners and filling stations grew along U.S. Route 66.