

Lesson #2 - Route 66 & motorists

Delaware History Standard Four: Students will develop historical knowledge of major events and phenomena

9-12 - Students will develop an understanding of modern United States history, its connections to both Delaware and world history, including: Civil War and Reconstruction (1850-1877) Development of an industrialized nation (1870-1900) Emergence of modern America (1890-1930) Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945) Postwar United States (1945-early 1970s) Contemporary United States (1968-present)

Performance Objective

SWBAT analyze Nat King Coles Route 66 song IOT learn about the names of locations along Route 66 as part of their preparation for creating annotated historical maps.

Work Period

Opening

What are some patriotic songs that seem to be known by most Americans? (answers will vary - examples might include Star Spangled Banner, Auld Lang Syne, Take Me Out to the Ball Game [Gene Kelly], America the Beautiful [Ray Charles], Living in America [James Brown], Take Me Home, Country Roads [John Denver]

Activity

a. Song analysis - Students will listen to and view Nat King Cole's "Get Your Kicks on Route 66".

Nat King Cole Trio "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66" (YouTube) <https://youtu.be/9nuDE1SJIPo>

Lyrics

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OP3uz82zKr1HmvqBdMdKFJlhGrk0DEZc_z9c6fIOEcc/e/dit?usp=sharing

b. Questions to answer

---What towns do this road take travelers through?

---Do you think these towns still exist today?

---What questions do you have that are not answered by the song?

c. Annotated maps

Creat an annotated map of the towns mentioned in the song. Include on your map the settlement date of each town/city, today's population count, any historical landmarks in that town/city.

Closing

What life lesson can you take from this song?

How could you make this song more relevant?

Assessment

Choose one (1) location along the route on your annotated map. Then, revise the "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" song by adding a verse for your chosen location. Include information about your town/city that travelers might appreciate.