

Theme: Road Trip!

YouTube Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFTw3dKr7K0uZW1kBRIA6cpLktrm4iSHR>

Greeting Song:

This Land is Your Land

Sing the chorus (This land is your land, this land is my land) but substitute these words instead:

Hello to _____, Hello to _____, Hello to _____, Hello to _____ (etc.)
I'm glad to see you all today!

Body Warm-up

This Land is Your Land

After using the song to say hello, transition into the traditional lyrics. Use the lyrics as a basis for your actions – reach side to side, reach up and down. You can also tap your toes, mimic motion of walking, etc.

Singing

In My Merry Oldsmobile

Discussion

- Did you ever own an Oldsmobile? What kind of car/truck did you have? How did you learn to drive? Who taught you? Do you remember getting your driver's license? What is the most interesting thing you've ever driven (car, tractor, team or horses, boat, etc.)
- Did you ever have a tradition of going for a Sunday drive? What does it mean if you refer to someone as a Sunday driver?
- Do you remember the Burma shave signs? (see attached example)
 - Burma-Shave sign series first appeared on U.S. Highway 65 near [Lakeville, Minnesota](#), in 1926, and remained a major advertising component until 1963 in most of the contiguous United States. The first series read: *Cheer up, face – the war is over! Burma-Shave.*^[2] The exceptions were [Nevada](#) (deemed to have insufficient road traffic), and [Massachusetts](#) (eliminated due to that state's high land rentals and roadside foliage). Typically, six consecutive small signs would be posted along the edge of highways, spaced for sequential reading by passing motorists. The last sign was almost always the name of the product. The signs were originally produced in two color combinations: red-and-white and orange-and-black, though the latter was eliminated after a few years. A special white-on-blue set of signs was developed for [South Dakota](#), which restricted the color [red](#) on roadside signs to official warning notices.
 - This use of a series of small signs, each of which bore part of a commercial message, was a successful approach to highway advertising during the early years of highway travel, drawing the attention of passing motorists who were curious to learn the [punchline](#). As the [Interstate](#) system expanded in the late 1950s and vehicle speeds increased, it became more difficult to attract motorists' attention with small signs. When the company was acquired by [Philip Morris](#), the signs were discontinued on advice of counsel.^[3]
 - Some of the signs featured safety messages about speeding instead of advertisements.

Around the World

Discussion

- Did you see the movie "Around the World in 80 Days"? The music for the movie won an Academy Award. This song was part of the movie, but only as an instrumental version.
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you visit & why?
- Where would you find some of these famous tourist sites?
 - Eifel Tower (France)
 - Blarney Stone (Ireland)
 - Great Wall (China)
 - Colosseum (Rome, Italy)
 - Taj Mahal (India)
 - Christ the Redeemer Statue (Brazil)
 - Acropolis (Greece)
 - Angkor Wat (Cambodia)
 - Pyramids of Giza (Egypt)
 - Mt. Fuji (Japan)
 - Buckingham Palace (England)
 - Burj Khalifa – the tallest building in the world (Dubai, United Arab Emirates)
 - Oriental Pearl Tower (Shanghai, China)
 - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe & Zambia)
 - Sydney Opera House (Australia)

Route 66

Discussion (from Wikipedia)

- **Route 66** (aka **US 66**) was a historic highway in the United States extending from Chicago to Los Angeles. It crossed much of the American Midwest, Great Plains, and Southwest. Although US Highway **66** no longer **exists**, you can **still** "get your kicks" on the path it took through the United States on other highways and roads.
- **U.S. Route 66** or **U.S. Highway 66** (**US 66** or **Route 66**), also known as the **Will Rogers Highway**, the **Main Street of America** or the **Mother Road**, was one of the original highways in the [U.S. Highway System](#). US 66 was established on November 11, 1926, with road signs erected the following year.^[4] The highway, which became one of the most famous roads in the United States, originally ran from [Chicago, Illinois](#), through [Missouri](#), [Kansas](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Texas](#), [New Mexico](#), and [Arizona](#) before ending in [Santa Monica](#) in [Los Angeles County, California](#), covering a total of 2,448 miles (3,940 km).^[5] It was recognized in popular culture by both the hit song "[\(Get Your Kicks on\) Route 66](#)" and the [Route 66 television series](#), which aired on [CBS](#) from 1960 to 1964. In [John Steinbeck](#)'s classic American novel, [The Grapes of Wrath](#) (1939), the road "Highway 66" symbolized escape and loss.
- US 66 served as a primary route for those who migrated west, especially during the [Dust Bowl](#) of the 1930s, and the road supported the economies of the communities through which it passed. People doing business along the route became prosperous due to the growing popularity of the highway, and those same people later fought to keep the highway alive in the face of the growing threat of being bypassed by the new [Interstate Highway System](#).
- US 66 underwent many improvements and realignments over its lifetime, but was officially [removed](#) from the United States Highway System in 1985^[2] after it had been replaced in its entirety by segments of the Interstate Highway System. Portions of the road that passed through Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, and Arizona have been communally designated a [National Scenic Byway](#) by the name "**Historic Route 66**", returning the name to some maps.^{[6][7]} Several states have adopted significant bypassed sections of the former US 66 into their state road networks as [State Route 66](#). The corridor is also being redeveloped into [U.S. Bicycle Route 66](#), a part of the [United States Bicycle Route System](#) that was developed in the 2010s.

So Far Away

Discussion

- What are some of the names for someone who prefers to stay home rather than venture out?
 - Homebody, hermit, recluse
- Have you ever been homesick? Tell about it.

Listen (See YouTube playlist)

I've Been Everywhere – Johnny Cash

- Talk about some of the places mentioned in the song. As a group, make a list of places you have been – a city for each letter of the alphabet.

Watching (See YouTube playlist)

“See the USA in Your Chevrolet” Dinah Shore commercial

Burma Shave Jingles

Burma Shave Road Signs along Route 66

“Route 66: 20 Great Stops on the Road Trip”

Goodbye

“So Long It's Been Good to Know You!”

**THE ONE WHO
DRIVES WHEN**

**HE'S BEEN
DRINKING**

**DEPENDS
ON YOU**

**TO DO HIS
THINKING**

Burma-Shave
TRADE MARK
REGISTERED





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In My Merry Oldsmobile

Young Johnny Steele has an Oldsmobile,
He loves a dear little girl,
She is the queen of his gas machine,
She has his heart in a whirl.

Now, when they go for a spin, you know,
She tries to learn the auto, so
He lets her steer while he gets her ear,
And whispers soft and low;

Chorus:

Come away with me Lucille in my merry Oldsmobile,
Down the road of life we'll fly auto-mo-bubbling you and I.
To the church we'll swiftly steal,
Then our wedding bells will peal,
You can go as far as you like with me, in my merry
Oldsmobile.

They love to spark in the dark old park,
As they go flying along,
She says she knows why the motor goes;
The sparker's awfully strong.

Each day they spoon to the engine's tune,
Their honeymoon will happen soon,
He'll win Lucille with his Oldsmobile
And then he'll fondly croon;

Chorus

Around the World

**Around the world I've searched for you,
I traveled on when hope was gone
To keep a rendezvous.**

**I knew somewhere, sometime, somehow,
You'd look at me and I would see
The smile you're smiling now.**

**It might have been in County Down,
Or in New York, in gay Paree,
Or even London town.**

**No more will I go all around the world,
For I have found my world in you.**

Route 66

**If you ever plan to motor west
Travel my way, take the highway that's the best.
Get your kicks on Route Sixty-six!**

**It winds from Chicago to L.A.,
More than two thousand miles all the way.
Get your kicks on Route Sixty-six!**

**Now you go thru Saint Looney and Joplin, Missouri
And Oklahoma City is mighty pretty;
You'll see Amarillo; Gallup. New Mexico;
Flagstaff, Arizona; Don't forget Winona,
Kingman, Barstow, San Bernadino.**

**Won't you get hip to this timely tip:
When you make that California trip
Get your kicks on Route Sixty-six!**

So Far Away

So far away!

**Doesn't anybody stay in one place anymore?
It would be so fine to see your face at my door.
Doesn't help to know you're just time away.
Long ago I reached for you and there you stood.
Holding you again could only do me good.**

**How I wish I could, but you're so far away!
One more song about movin' along the highway;
Can't say much of anything that's new.
If I could only work this life out my way,
I'd rather spend it bein' close to you,**

**But you're so far away!
Doesn't anybody stay in one place anymore?
It would be so fine to see your face at my door.
Doesn't help to know you're just time away.**

**Yeah, you're so far away!
Travelin' around sure gets me down and lonely.
Nothin' else to do but close my mind.
I sure hope the road don't come to own me.
There's so many dreams I've yet to find.
But you're so far away! (*and fade*)**

So Long, It's Been Good to Know You

I've sung this song, but I'll sing it again,
Of the people I've met and the places I've been.
Of some of the troubles that bothered my mind,
And a lot of good people that I've left behind, saying:

So long, it's been good to know ye,
So long, it's been good to know ye.
So long, it's been good to know ye,
This dusty old dust is a-getting my home,
And I've got to be drifting along.

The sweethearts sat in the dark and they sparked,
They hugged and kissed in that dusty old dark,
They sighed and cried, hugged and kissed,
Instead of marriage they talked like this: Honey

So long, it's been good to know ye,
So long, it's been good to know ye.
So long, it's been good to know ye,
This dusty old dust is a-getting my home,
And I've got to be drifting along.

I went to your family and asked them for you.
They all said, "Take her, oh, take her, please do!
She can't cook or sew and she won't scrub your floor."
So I put on my hat and tiptoed out the door, saying:

**So long, it's been good to know ye,
So long, it's been good to know ye.
So long, it's been good to know ye,
This dusty old dust is a-getting my home,
And I've got to be drifting along.**

**I walked down the street to the grocery store.
It was crowded with people both rich and both poor/
I asked the man how his butter was sold;
He said, "One pound of butter for two pounds of gold." I said:**

**So long, it's been good to know ye,
So long, it's been good to know ye.
So long, it's been good to know ye,
This dusty old dust is a-getting my home,
And I've got to be drifting along.**

**My telephone rang and it jumped off the wall.
That was the preacher a'making a call.
He said, "We're waitin' to tie the knot;
You're getting' married, believe it or not!"**

**The church it was jammed, the church it was packed;
The pews were so crowded from front to the back.
A thousand friends waited to kiss my new bride,
But I was so anxious I rushed her outside. Told them:**

**So long, it's been good to know ye,
So long, it's been good to know ye.
So long, it's been good to know ye,
This dusty old dust is a-getting my home,
And I've got to be drifting along.**