**AMERICA ON THE MOVE** 



HOMIC: Where in the United States have you traveled? Where would you like to go? If you live in the United States, DRAW A STAR

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where you live on the map below. **CIRCLE** all the places where you've been in the US. Mark places you'd like to visit with an **ARROW**.

# WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Ever since the earliest humans walked the earth, people have been on the move.



#### WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE?

People move for a **VARIETY OF REASONS**. Long ago, many people moved to find things they needed to survive—like food, water, and shelter. Today many people move to find better jobs or a better quality of life.

People have always searched for faster and EASIER WAYS to get from one place to another. Long ago, they followed paths created by other people or animals. Some paths widened into dirt roads as more people used them. Some were eventually paved over to become the roads we use today.

### HOW HAS TRAVEL CHANGED OVER TIME?

#### Traveling is NOT SO DIFFICULT FOR US TODAY,

is it? With modern transportation systems, we can travel hundreds, and even thousands, of miles in just a few hours. It would have taken our ancestors weeks or months—sometimes years—to travel the same distances! Back then, few people traveled more than a few dozen miles from where they were born. Better transportation means we can live farther away from stores and other resources. We can stay connected with people near and far.

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## CHECK ALL OF THE TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION YOU HAVE USED IN YOUR LIFE:

	trailer
🗌 car	urfboard
🗌 truck	sailboat
🗌 van	Canoe
🗌 train	kayak
🔲 airplane	horse
🗌 bus	wagon
🗖 subway	
D bicycle	tractor
motorcycle	streetcar
tricycle	helicopter
scooter	🗆 blimp
skateboard	taxicab
in-line skates	wheelchair W
D pogo stick	paracituto
	Segway
skis	my own two feet
snowboard	other:
sleigh	
hot-air ballo	
motor home	

Horse-drawn wagons delivered goods in the 1900s.

Container ships bring products across the oceans. Today, tractor trailer trucks transport goods.

This1941 Indian motorcycle turns heads even today.

From 1926 to 1952, this steam locomotive hauled passenger cars.

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This 1949 GMC pickup truck hauled produce for a farmer.