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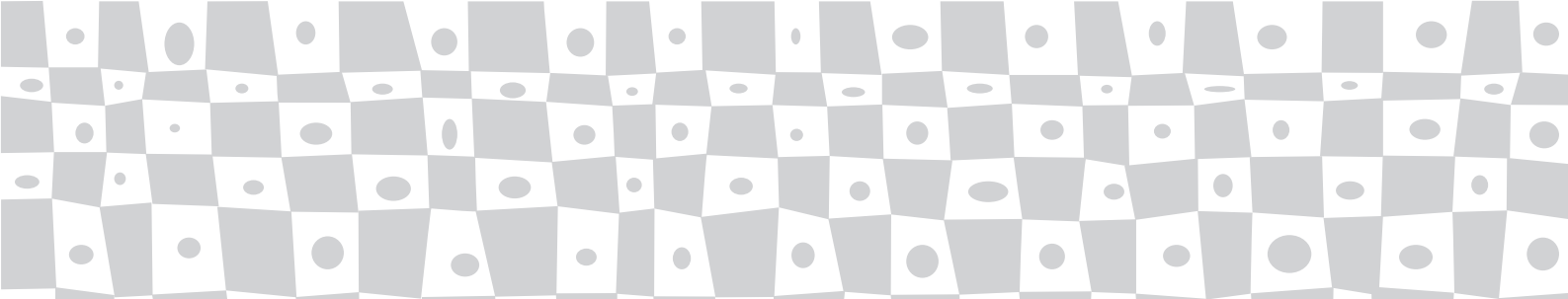
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Social Studies

Most of us began using road maps after we began to drive. Perhaps for a sizeable number of us this was a humbling experience as we frantically skimmed through the maps looking for that wrong turn we took a couple of kilometres back. The activities in this section were created to develop critical thinking and reading skills, while learning necessary social studies concepts. We hope you and your students enjoy them.

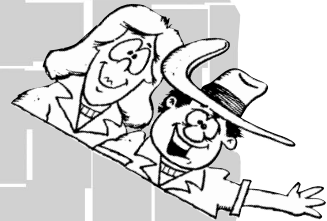


Bulletin Board Suggestions

- Display a world map on the bulletin board. Ask students where their ancestors came from. Use string to connect these regions with your school's location. Have students find out the language, customs, and other background information concerning their family's heritage, as well as how long their ancestors have been here.
- Put up a 'Wall of Heroes' display to which students may add their personal heroes throughout the year. Each student may cut out pictures of

their hero for display. Have students research to discover character traits, major accomplishments, and other vital statistics.

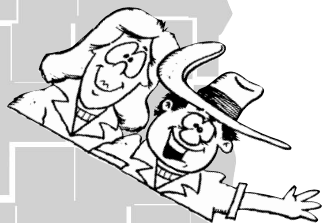
Instead of a hero display, you may opt for a bulletin board showing important world events. The student may tell who, when, where, what happened and why that event is important. Place a timeline on the board to help students compare dates of the important events.



Fun Follow-Ups

- Have each student choose an occupation she or he knows enough about to answer questions without help. The class can try to guess the occupation by asking questions which can only be answered with a 'yes' or 'no'.
- Assign students to work in small groups to play 'We Teach'. Each group chooses a country to research. They

find four facts about that country: its capital and important centres, its population, its main products and one additional fact. Each group member must know all these facts. Next, each member is assigned to another group to teach them about her or his country. This continues until each student has had the chance to 'teach' at least once.



**YOU'VE READ THE BULLETIN BOARD SUGGESTIONS!
YOU'VE READ THE FUN FOLLOW-UPS!
NOW LET'S GET OUT THERE AND
TEACH, TEACH, TEACH!!!**





Name _____

Shortest Distance between ...

Scooter and Buzz bought a fuel-guzzling Roadrunner. Since the car gets no more than 5 kilometres per litre, they look for short cuts whenever possible.

Use the map to work out each problem.

1. The boys are at Muff's Market on the corner of Elsie and 9th. They must go to Sam's Sweatshop on the corner of Art and 7th. Which of these (a, b or c) is the shortest distance and how far is it?

- a. 9th to Bow to 7th to Art
- b. Kriss to Kross to Bow to 7th to Art
- c. Kriss to Bow to 7th to Art

Route - _____

Distance - _____ kilometres

2. Scooter bought a fishing rod at Bernie's Sporthaus at the corner of Kriss and Kross and wants to try it out at Guppy Pond near the corner of Bow and 10th. Which route would be the longest distance? How far would it be?

- a. Kriss to Bow to 10th
- b. Kriss to Clare to 9th to Bow to 10th
- c. Kross to 10th to Bow

Route - _____

Distance - _____ kilometres

3. The Belly Deli, located on Dill and 9th, is where Buzz is eating lunch. He must hurry to keep his appointment with his dentist on the corner of Art and 4th. Which of these would be the shortest distance? How far would it be?

- a. 9th to Bow to 4th to Art
- b. Dill to Kriss to Bow to 4th to Art
- c. Dill to 5th to Bow to 4th to Art

Route - _____

Distance - _____ kilometres

4. One day road construction closed the intersection of 5th and Kross. Buzz and Scooter must get from Kriss and Clare to 3rd and Dill. What is the shortest route they can take? What is its distance?

Route - _____

Distance - _____ kilometres

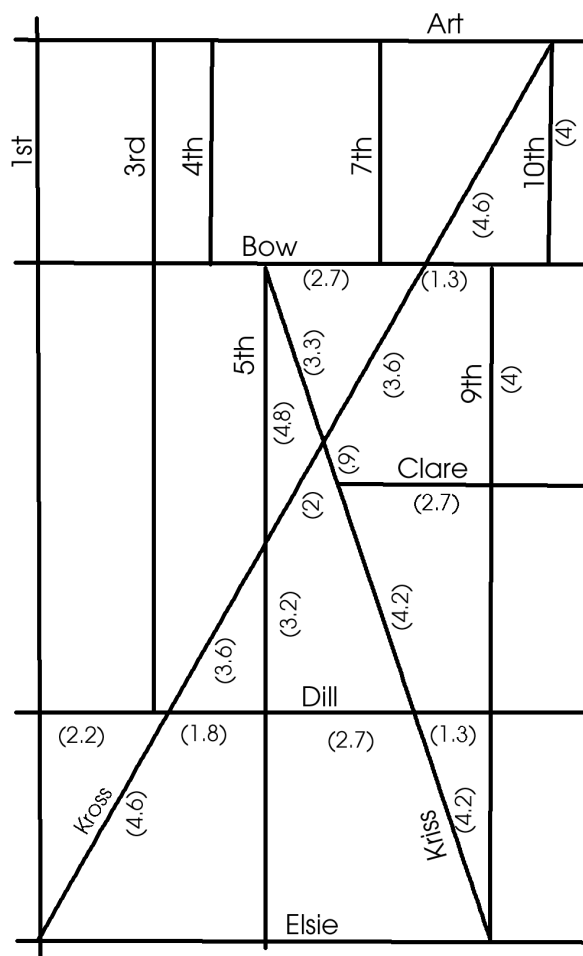
5. Next week Scooter and Buzz plan to leave their house on 1st and Bow to play in the city-wide basketball tournament at the Athletic Centre on the corner of Dill and Kriss. However, street repair has required the closing of Kriss between Bow and Kross. What three shortest routes are equal in length? What is the distance?

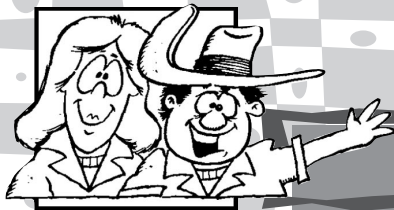
Route 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Distance - _____ kilometres





Name _____

Dateline: History

Biff and Bop breezed through their school work and asked their teacher to give them additional questions. They used this timeline to answer the questions below.

- 1927 Charles Lindbergh makes the first trans-Atlantic solo flight.
- 1928 Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin.
- 1928 Josef Stalin begins plans to industrialise Russia.
- 1929 Wall Street crashes; world-wide depression results.
- 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany.
- 1937 Japan invades China.
- 1939 War in Europe erupts.
- 1941 The United States of America enters the war following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour.
- 1945 The United States drops atomic bombs on two Japanese cities.
- 1947 India becomes independent.
- 1949 Mao Tse-tung sets up the People's Republic of China.

1. How many years after Wall Street crashed did India gain its freedom? _____
2. Who came to power first, Hitler or Stalin? By how many years? _____
3. For how many years had the war been going on before the United States of America became involved? _____
4. For how long has China been a republic? _____
5. How many years after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour did the United States drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? _____

Imagine that you are a reporter for the *International News in Scope*. Your editor has asked you to travel back in history to one of these dateline events and report on it.

Write a one-paragraph article describing this event.
