Introduction

In this lesson, students play the role of a detective who has been assigned the task of finding notable people of Route 66. Sheriff Moncus offers clues about the mystery people and students research web sites to solve the mystery.

Student Outcomes

Students will:

- Understand the role of politics in the original and final design of Route 66;
- Understand the people who made Route 66 famous;

Technology Usage

- Word processor
- Internet access

Tasks

2. Students read each clue and through the process of deduction, determine the missing person.
3. Students will keep a journal of clues, either electronic or handwritten.
4. Students create a biographical sketch of each missing person. Emphasis is on each person’s influence on the development of Route 66.

Resources


Timeline of Route 66 - [http://route66.exmachina.net/main/chronology.htm](http://route66.exmachina.net/main/chronology.htm)

New Mexico Department of Tourism: Route 66 Diamond Jubilee - [http://www.newmexico.org/ScenicAttractions/route66/roadtrip.html](http://www.newmexico.org/ScenicAttractions/route66/roadtrip.html)

Harvey House Home Page - [http://www.harveyhouses.net/index.html](http://www.harveyhouses.net/index.html)

New Mexico Department of Tourism: Route 66 - [http://www.newmexico.org/ScenicAttractions/route66/roadtrip.html](http://www.newmexico.org/ScenicAttractions/route66/roadtrip.html)
Travel log of Route 66 - [http://route66.exmachina.net/miles/new/main.htm](http://route66.exmachina.net/miles/new/main.htm)

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**Assessment**

**New Mexico Content Standards and Benchmarks**

Social Studies: Benchmark 5-8  
3 - Students will know, understand and apply the language, tools, and skills of social studies.  
5 - Students will know and understand the relationships and patterns in history in order to understand the past and present and to prepare for the future.

Language Arts: Benchmark: 5-8  
1 - Students will understand and use Language Arts for communication.

**3 - Students will listen and read for a variety of purposes.**

**Credits**

- Lynn Moncus for pictures and stories of her father, Sheriff Moncus.  
- Sue Mann of NM Route 66 Organization for her help in finding names of New Mexicans responsible for Route 66.