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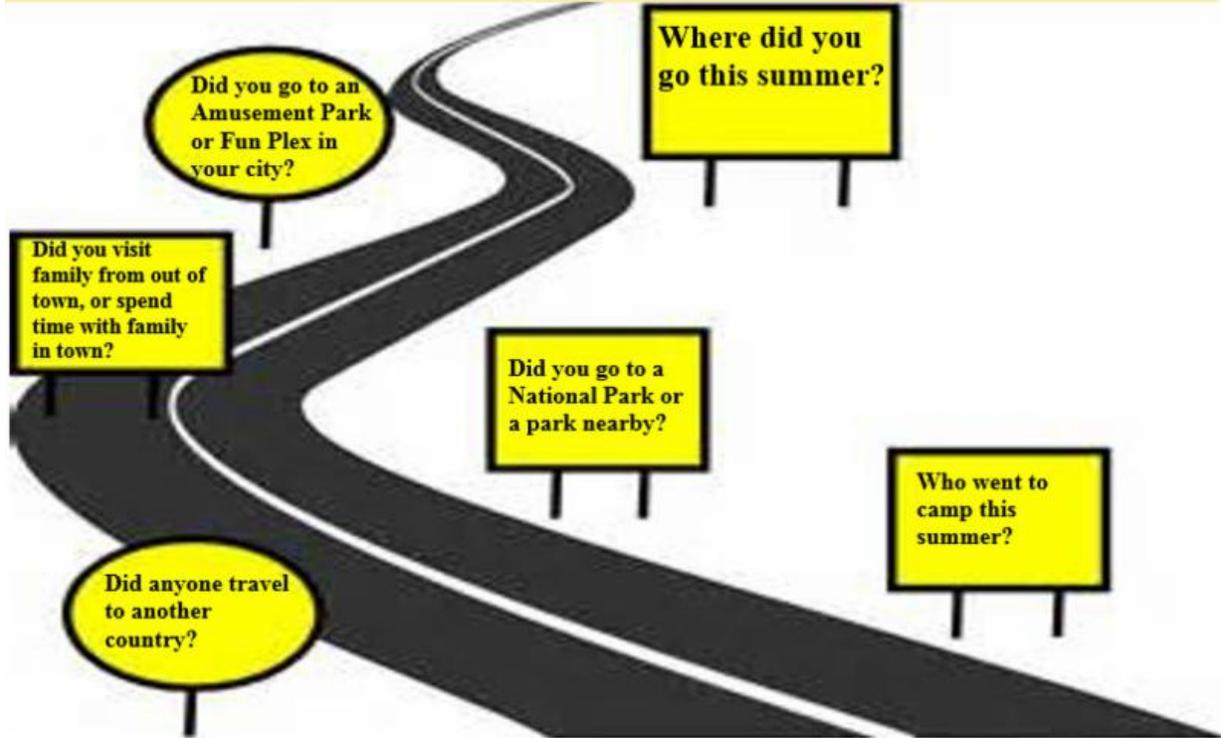
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**Summer Greetings from Opportunity Education!  
Road Trip Adventures!**

Summer may be a time for a family adventure! Whether your students and families stay close to home or travel to faraway places, it is fun for students to explore their community, country and world. In the United States, families may visit interesting cities, state and national parks, mountains, beaches and more. In African countries a visit to a national park may be a special trip and in India it may be a trip to a beach by the ocean.

Traveling beyond our homes and communities gives us the opportunity to learn about new places, enjoy new experiences and discover our world. Often summer activities include travel, which may be a road trip to visit a variety of interesting places. When your students arrive back at school, it is fun for them to share about their summer adventures. Ask them.....



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## Start Writing - Right Now

Have your students write about their summer adventures and include photos or drawings. Then send them to their pen pals with their first letters. Imagine how excited they will be to learn about all the amazing places your students have traveled!

Make road maps of where they traveled this summer, labeling and illustrating the places they saw. Show where they are in relation to their state or country. Send them to their pen pals.

What is a favorite place your students have traveled? Ask them to write to their pen pal about their travel experiences. Have them use details to describe their trip and use drawings to illustrate.

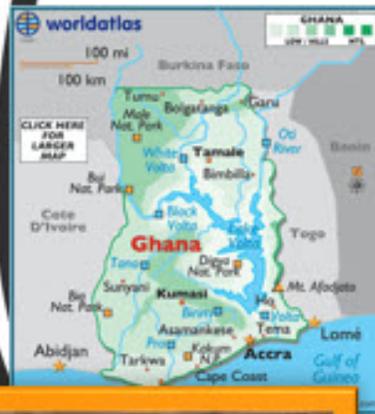
Many students do not get the opportunity to travel during their break from school. Ask them to share the experiences they did have. Did they travel to the park or the pool? Did they spend special time with family? Perhaps they traveled through books. Those adventures will be great for their pen pals to hear about.

Where would your students like to visit someday? Have them research on this destination and plan a pretend trip. What would they take with them? Ask them to draw these things in a pretend suitcase. What do they think they will see and do when they get there? Have them list these things in a daily itinerary. They can make a map of their road trip and draw pretend photos to share with their pen pals.



# Focus on Schools

Let's take a road trip to see the countries of the world where schools are supported by Opportunity Education. Each country is a unique and special place, with lovely landscapes, amazing animals, interesting cities and villages, and fascinating culture. But the true beauty of these countries is their people, especially their children. Perhaps one day you or your students may travel to some of these amazing places, but until then, enjoy these beautiful faces near the shores of their countries and travel with your heart.







# Countries with Schools Supported by Opportunity Education



Teachers, as you are planning the road map for your curriculum this year, think about where your pen pal communications best fit into your schedule. Remember, in addition to letters, you may send a variety of projects your students are already doing from any subject area! When students know their work will be seen by pen pals it adds relevancy for them.

Here are a few examples to get you started!

# Pen Pals Are Cross-Curricular!

## **Math**

- ⇒ Send graph pictures
- ⇒ Create math games to help review math concepts
- ⇒ Write a story with your favorite shape as the main character

## **Science**

- ⇒ Send pictures and essays from the science fair or a recent lab
- ⇒ Write about/create a poster of your favorite scientist, animal, planet, etc.
- ⇒ Send supplies for your sister school to complete a science lab your class just learned

## **Social Studies**

- ⇒ Write about/create a project on your favorite president, time period, city, etc.
- ⇒ Create a "fun facts" sheet about the United States
- ⇒ Learn about the geography of your city/state, as well as, the city/state of your pen pal
- ⇒ Tell your pen pal about the U.S. government and how it functions

## **Reading/Language Arts**

- ⇒ Start a short story starring your pen pal as the protagonist
- ⇒ Create parts of speech review games
- ⇒ Make illustrated vocabulary cards for popular English words and phrases

## **Art**

- ⇒ Send any art project you make!
- ⇒ Send a portrait of your school, yourself or your classmates
- ⇒ Tell them about your favorite artist or picture

## **All Subjects!**

- ⇒ Class books: *Alphabet, numbers, counting, Things I Like, Where We Live, School, etc*
- ⇒ Holiday Cards
- ⇒ School banners
- ⇒ Vocabulary flash cards with pictures
- ⇒ Summer projects to support your sister school