**Travel Passport (\_\_\_/110 points)**

Congratulations! You just received $2500.00 to spend on a road trip through the United States. During this two week project, you will work by yourself to complete the components outlined below.

Due Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Traveler’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Component 1 (\_\_\_/45 points)**

**Building Your Written Portfolio** – You will spend the writing block building your written portfolio.

Get ready! Here’s where you get to plan the road trip of your dreams. This is where you get to be creative and to have fun. It’s important that you complete these tasks in order as they build onto the next task.

**Descriptive Essay**: Use the following questions below to be addressed in your essay. Each question should be addressed in a paragraph. You must create an expository paragraph planner for each paragraph. Each paragraph is worth 3 points each for a total of 30 points. *You may write this as if you were the adult making all of the decisions. You may take a travel companion with you, but remember their costs come out of your overall budget.*

* Introduction: What city, state is your trip originating from? What specific cities and states do you intend on visiting? Why are you interested in taking this road trip?
* When will you take your road trip (month and year)? How many days do you intend on traveling? How will the time of year you intend on visiting these cities affect any cost surcharges?
* Will you be traveling alone or with a companion? What are the benefits or drawbacks of traveling alone or with someone? Remember your companion’s expenses come out of your $2500 budget!
* What vehicle do you intend on traveling in during your road trip (SUV, sedan, sports car)? What is the average miles per gallon this vehicle gets on the highway? What is the size of the gas tank?
* Where will you stay along the way (hotels, resorts, campgrounds)? How many stops do you anticipate? How will the cost and location affect your budget?
* What specific attractions or sights do you intend on visiting? What activities do you intend to participate in while at your stops? How do cost, timing, and location affect your budget?
* Where do you intend on eating while traveling (restaurants, fast food, resorts, vendors at your stops, you cook)? Remember you need to plan every meal for every day you are gone. How does cost affect your overall budget?
* What clothes, gear, or special documents do you need for your trip? What arrangements need to be made to obtain these items (rental at your stop, purchase and pack beforehand)? How will these costs affect your overall budget?
* What souvenirs or keepsakes do you plan on purchasing? How will these costs affect your overall budget?
* Conclusion: While you are away what commitments will you be missing? Do you have pets that need boarding? How much will that affect your budget? Tell us again why you want to go on this trip.

**Table of Contents** (5 points) – Create a table of contents that lists all sections of your portfolio (including the pieces to be completed during social studies time) and their corresponding page numbers.

**Cover Page** (5 points) – Create a catchy cover page that can be slipped into the front pocket of your binder. Include your trip’s title and your name.

**Portfolio** (5 points) – Put all of your portfolio items into a 3-ring binder for neat presentation.

**Component 2 (\_\_\_/65 points)**

**More Portfolio Documents** – These items must be completed during Social Studies time. Again, complete these tasks in order as they build on one another. These will be included in your binder with the descriptive essay and table of contents.

**Daily Itinerary** (10 points) – Organize a detailed daily itinerary for your trip beginning the day you leave all the way through the day you intend on returning. You must include driving time. *Hint: Use Google Maps to help you plan driving times.*Don’t forget to include timing for your food and attraction stops.

**Expense Chart** (30 points) – You must organize a detailed chart that outlines all of your expenses. Remember you CAN NOT go over the $2500.00 budget and your travel partner’s expenses are a part of your budget.

* You must figure out the actual cost of gas assuming your vehicle has a 15 gallon tank and taking into consideration average miles per gallon over how many miles you intend on driving and the current cost of gas at the locations you plan on driving through.
* You must figure out the actual cost of sleeping accommodations throughout your trip.
* You must figure out the actual cost of your meals throughout your trip.
* You must figure out the actual cost of the attractions you intend on visiting.
* You must figure out the actual cost you intend on spending for souvenirs.
* You must figure out the actual cost of any clothing, gear, documents, or home obligations you need to spend for this trip.

**Route Maps** (25 points) – You need to show where you’re traveling!

* You need to include one map that shows your route of travel including your starting point to your end point. This can be computer generated.
* You need to hand draw a zoomed in map of your route for each day. This map needs to include the city, state of the attractions you intend on visiting with the location of the attraction. This map also needs to include any stopping point cities, states, and locations (gas stops, food stops, sleeping stops). Remember to include a map key and a compass rose.

Now you’re ready for your trip! I hope it’s a blast.