

America Revealed: Transportation

1. How many miles of the following do we have in America today?
 - a. Roads-
 - b. Rail-
 - c. Number of airports-
2. What forms of transportation do people use when commuting to New York every day?
3. What word originated in New York to explain the chaos of the daily commute?
4. Using Queens, New York as an example, explain the paradox that exists between the growth of human populations in urban areas and the transportation that is needed to move them. (think the subway tracks to nowhere)
5. What events have been road blocks to the modernization of our public transportation networks in America?
6. How many miles do the buses in the Kingman, Arizona school district travel every year?
7. Why is Chicago the rail hub of America? What three types of rail go through Chicago?
8. What is so inefficient about the freight system in Chicago? How does it impact passenger travel?
9. How many passengers fly every day in America? How many flights every year in/ out of O'Hare?
10. Why are the old light beacons still necessary for air travel in Montana?
11. How can GPS help improve efficiency in air travel?
12. How many miles do Americans drive each year on the highway system?

13. How do the interstates impact suburbs like Arlington, Texas?

14. What are the issues with roads in suburbia today?

15. How is Las Vegas forward thinking in traffic management?

16. How is Las Angeles a historic failure in terms of traffic? How many days do you waste in traffic in L.A.?

17. How essential do you think improvements in transportation are going to be for America to successfully expand geographically and economically? Explain your answer.