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Success is willing to do what the average person is not willing to do.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

Read A Road Map Day

5th Apr each year

“The road goes every onward”, but where does the road in fact go? We could always ask our handy-dandy GPS, but Read A Road Map Day a day dedicated to going back before the time of such handy little devices. Instead it heralds back to a time when it was actually possible to hold a road map upside down, or stand over the hood of your car on the side of the road with it spread out. The map represented adventure, it represented places unseen and roads untraveled, and was the ultimate guide back to where we started. If we could find out where we were on it.

So on this day, it's time to bust out an old paper map, it doesn't even have to be a recent one, and discover the wonders that these maps hold. No one says the map you read even has to be recent! Ever found yourself curious about the roads that Rome was so famed for? There are maps that exist for those, showing what ends of the earth they all travelled to. But let's assume you're going to stick to a more modern map. Now we're going to give you a tutorial on how to read one!

The first thing you're going to want to do is get your hands on is a map of your local area, and a Road Atlas. This last is particularly useful, as it includes a national map plus one of each state. You can generally find these in gas stations, bookstores, supermarkets, or if nothing else you can locate one online. You're going to want to get one that's been printed within the last three or four years to make sure they're accurate. Nothing worse than finding out a road or highway on a map has changed names and you're driving right by it!

The next step is an easy one, you'll note that almost all maps, and especially the atlas, will have a grid laid out, numbered going one direction, lettered going the other. You can use these to find the co-ordinates of your starting point, and your destination. If you check the back of the atlas or map, you'll find that prominent towns are listed by their coordinates on the map. Locating

and marking these with removable stickers will make finding them easier in the future, and give you a clear idea of your route.

The next step is doing just that, finding your route! There's usually more than one way to get from a starting point to a destination, and there's lots of options to take along the way. If a highway is available, those generally serve as the most direct route between two points, otherwise you'll have to look for main roads, and side roads. It's always a good idea to check out all of these to find the route that suits your needs, after all, the highway is fast, but it's not much for taking in the scenery.

The way you can tell what all of these are is by checking out the 'legend' or 'key' on the side of the map. These lists of symbols will tell you how to identify cities, highways, interstates, country roads, unpaved roads and side roads, and manmade landmarks. Lots of different options for the intrepid traveler. By taking the time to look over the map and study its contents, you'll make sure you're never lost, even when your phone battery dies and your GPS cuts out. All of this gained by doing just one simple thing! Celebrating Read a Road Map Day!

Harcourt School Publishers: Read a Road Map

An interactive activity for students to understand how to use a key to read a road map.

http://www.harcourtschool.com/ss1/skills/g4_roadmap.html

Road Trip USA: Cross-Country Adventures on America's Two-Lane Highways

Learn all about America without ever leaving home. Select a driving tour, then find colorful information about what all the small towns have to offer. Many fun facts about famous historical destinations are given. Based on Jamie Jensen's best-selling book, Road Trip USA.

<https://roadtripusa.com/>

Nebraska Studies: Routes West

Discover the details of the trails to the wild West with this narrative.

http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0400/stories/0401_0140.html

Hardware/Software

Run Windows

We know, we know – who wants to run Windows? But sometimes it's handy, whether to play the latest games or run some niche piece of software that has

no Mac equivalent.

You can either run Windows alongside macOS with a virtualization app such as VMware Fusion, Parallels Desktop or VirtualBox, or partition your hard disk to install Windows on to run it full-bore on your hardware using Boot Camp Assistant (in your Utilities folder).

Hints/Tips

Type exotic characters

As well as letters and symbols you see on your keyboard, you can type a bewildering array of special characters. You may already be familiar with typing accents such as for café (in that case you either type Option+E then E again or, on OS X 10.7 or later, hold down the E until you get extra options) but you'll find there are many more.

Go to the Edit menu of most apps and you'll see Special Characters at the bottom. This panel gives you access to a huge range of symbols you can drag into your documents. Not all apps or operating systems support them, but these are mostly part of the cross-platform Unicode standard. There are probably more than you see at first, too; click the cog to reveal more.

Emoji (those fun, colorful characters available in OS X 10.7 or later) are a notable exception to this cross-platform world. They're not Apple-only, but your recipient might not be able to see them.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Why were the kids doing multiplication on the floor?

The teacher told them to do it without tables.

Did you hear about the kid who was twenty minutes early for school?

He was in a class by himself

What did King Tutankhamen say when he got scared?"

I want my mummy!"

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 6:

1483 Raphael [Raffaello Sanzio] Urbino Italy, painter/master builder (Madonna

Sistina)

1806 Elizabeth Barrett Browning poet (Sonnets from the Portuguese)/Mrs Robert Browning

1866 Butch Cassidy [Robert Parker] US desperado (Wild Bunch Passage)

1884 Walter Huston Toronto Ontario Canada, actor (Maltese Falcon, Treasure of Sierra Madre)

1914 George Reeves Ashland KY, actor (Superman, Gone With the Wind)

1928 James Dewey Watson chemist (co-discovered structure of DNA)

1937 Billy Dee Williams Harlem New York NY, actor (Lady Sings the Blues, Chiefs, Empire Strikes Back, Double Dare)

1937 Merle Haggard Bakersfield CA, country singer (Death Valley Days)

On This Day:

0648 –BC– Earliest total solar eclipse; chronicled by Greeks

1722 Peter the Great ends tax on men with beards

1886 City of Vancouver British Columbia Canada incorporated

1889 George Eastman places Kodak Camera on sale for 1st time

1917 US declares war on Germany, enters World War I

1938 Teflon invented by Roy J Plunkett

1954 TV Dinner is 1st put on sale by Swanson & Sons

1973 Roberto Clemente Day, Pirates retire his number

1987 Al Campanis appears on Niteline saying blacks may not be equipped to be in baseball management, sparking a racial controversy

1989 Orel Hershiser ends his record 59 consecutive scoreless streak

1993 Florida Marlins 1st loss ever (4–2 to Los Angeles Dodgers)

1994 1st scheduled Indians night game at Jacobs Field is rained out

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