Going Places

Design Intent

There is a world of adventure waiting to be explored. Our minds race with thoughts of trips in the car with the windows down, wind blowing through our hair, in search of the excitement of *Going Places*. We dream of days gathered around the campfire, telling stories and bonding in the fresh air. Pack up the trailer, pick a path and take a chance as you roll toward destinations near and far. Most of all, open your heart and mind as you try new things, meet people of all kinds, and delve into the many ways in which to navigate the amazing voyages that await you.

Technology Components

Trailer Monitor-Collection of video clips

Mural Features

- Camping Tent-Three-season tents are the most popular type of tent, ideal for the milder weather of spring, summer, and fall. They are lightweight and well-ventilated, making them perfect for warmer conditions. Four-season tents are built to handle harsh winter conditions, including strong winds and heavy snowfall. They feature more poles for stability and use heavier fabrics with minimal mesh panels to retain warmth.
- River-A river is a natural stream of flowing water that usually empties into a larger body of water like an ocean, lake, or another river. Rivers are found on every continent and can vary in length. The Nile River in Africa is recognized as the longest river in the world, closely followed by the Amazon River in South America. The longest river in North America is the Missouri River.
- Mountain-A mountain is classified as a landform that rises at least 1000 feet or more above its surrounding area. Mountains are found in elongated ranges or chains and are formed through tectonic forces, erosion, or volcanism. The highest mountain is Mount Everest in the Himalayas.
- Hot Air Balloon-A hot air balloon is made up of three main components: the envelope, the basket, and the burner system. When the air inside the envelope is heated, its molecules move faster and spread apart, making the air less dense than the cooler air outside. As a result, the balloon rises. The Montgolfier brothers (France) first demonstrated an unmanned hot air balloon in 1783.

Mural Features

- The Statue of Liberty-Sculpted by Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi of France, the statue was a gift to the United States from the people of France in 1886. It was constructed of copper sheets over a framework of four steel supports, built by Gustave Eiffel. It symbolizes freedom and democracy, commemorating the date of American Independence on July 4, 1776.
- The Eiffel Tower-The Eiffel Tower was built between 1887-1889 as the focal point of the 1889 World Fair. It is named after Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower. The Eiffel Tower is the tallest structure in Paris, rising 1,083 feet tall and is the most visited monument with an entrance fee in the world.
- Jinshanling-Jinshanling is a section of the Great Wall of China located northeast of Beijing. Constructed beginning in 1570 CE during the Ming dynasty, this stretch of the Great Wall spans 6.5 miles and features 5 passes, 67 watchtowers, and 3 beacon towers. The Great Wall of China was constructed along the northern borders of ancient Chinese states to defend against invasions by nomadic groups.
- Gateway Arch-The Gateway Arch is a 630-foot monument in St. Louis, Missouri, built to symbolize the westward expansion of the United States. It was designed by the Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen in 1947 and completed in 1965 as the tallest arch in the world and tallest man-made structure in the Western Hemisphere.
- Big Ben-The Houses of Parliament and Elizabeth Tower in the United Kingdom are often referred to as Big Ben. Big Ben is actually the nickname for the Great Bell of the Great Clock of Westminster, named after Sir Benjamin Hall. The 316-foot tower was designed by Sir Charles Barry and Augustus Pugin and completed in 1859.
- Mount Rushmore National Memorial-Carved between 1927 and 1941 by sculptor Gutzon Borglum, Mount Rushmore is a monument in the Black Hills of South Dakota, featuring the faces of four U.S. presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. It’s a symbol of the nation’s birth, growth, development, and preservation, with over two million visitors annually.
- The Alamo-The Alamo, which began as Mission de Valero in 1718 by Franciscans, is the site of a pivotal battle during the Texas Revolution in 1836. After the mission was abandoned, Spanish troops referred to the old chapel as “the Alamo” because of the grove of cottonwood trees in which it stood. Today, the Alamo is preserved as a museum in San Antonio, Texas.

Themes to Explore

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Traveling and Vacations
- Maps
- Force and Motion
- Environmental Print
- Architecture and Design (Building)
- Following Directions

M**ounted Artifacts**

- Kayak-a kayak is a small, narrow boat powered by a double-bladed paddle. Designed for one or two people, it sits low in the water and is ideal for gliding through rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. Its shape allows for agility and speed.
- Camping Trailer-A camping trailer is a wheeled vehicle designed to be towed by a car or truck as a living space while traveling.
- VW Van-a Volkswagen Bus or Transporter is a group of light commercial vehicles produced by Volkswagen. The earliest VW van was the Volkswagen Type 2, which began production in 1950. It's popular due to its versatility and reliability.

To Find Out More

- National Geographic: Experiential Learning
- World Atlas
- Lonely Planet Travel