

## Worksheet: Get your kicks on Route 66

### Exercise 1: The Song

*Answer the following questions!*

1. Where is Chicago located?
2. Why is Chicago a major shipping and transportation centre?
3. In which year did the earthquake happen?
4. What can you say about the people and their homes?
5. How high is Gateway Arch in St. Louis?
6. Where does the city lie?
7. When did the detonation of the truck bomb happen?
8. How many people were killed? Complete the following sentences!

### Exercise 2: Some facts about Route 66

*Try to find out some facts about the history of Route 66. Read the text and try to answer the questions!*

- Current maps do not include the old Route 66.
- The Route is 2448 miles long. (about 4000 km)
- It was commissioned in 1926, picking up as many bits and pieces of existing road as possible.
- It crosses 8 states and 3 time zones.
- It starts in Chicago, and ends in L.A. (Santa Monica). Driving the Route in the opposite direction is historically wrong, and a lot harder as all available documentation goes the "right" way.
- In 1926 only 800 miles were paved, it was only in 1937 that Route 66 got paved end-to-end.
- You can only drive parts of Route 66 these days... it has been replaced by the interstate highways I-55, I-44, I-40, I-15 and I-10, but still a surprisingly high amount of old road is waiting to be found by the more adventurous traveller.
- Route 66 is also known as "The Mother Road", "The Main Street of America" and as "The Will Rogers Highway".
- During all of its life, Route 66 continued to evolve, leaving many abandoned stretches of concrete still waiting to be found by the more adventurous traveller.
- Route 66 was also the title of a TV series playing from 1960 till 1964.
- Cyrus Stevens Avery from Tulsa Oklahoma can be called the father of Route 66.
- In 1985 Route 66 was officially decommissioned, but for daily use it was replaced far earlier by the Interstates.

1. How long is Route 66?
2. How many states does it cross?
3. In which part of Los Angeles does it end?
4. Is it still possible to drive the original Route 66 today?
5. Do you know any other name for the Route?
6. By what was Route 66 replaced?

### Exercise 3: Famous places of the past

*Bring the sentences into the correct order by writing the numbers into the empty boxes!*

a) Stand-alone-Bridge, east of Winslow, Arizona: the road is gone today.	
b) In Clinton, Oklahoma you should visit the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.	
c) The shop H. C. Antiques in Chenoa, Illinois - built in the late 1800s - has been closed down.	
d) This old Model A car is parked in front of the shop Route 66 Antiques in Landergrin, Texas.	
e) The Chain of Rocks Bridge over the Mississippi near St. Louis, Missouri is being restored.	
f) The Alamo Lodge in Sante Fe, New Mexico opened in the 1920s.	
g) El Garces, Santa Fe train station in Needles, California is deserted, but the city of Needles has restoration plans.	
h) You can still get something to drink and to eat in the Ariston Cafe in Litchfield, Illinois today.	
i) The California Route 66 Museum in Victorville, California is a real must-see.	
j) Near Afton, Oklahoma the road is not in very good condition.	
k) The gas station in Galena, Kansas was closed down years ago.	
l) Rio Pecos Ranch Truck Terminal in Santa Rosa, New Mexico was in operation from the 1940s to 1990.	
m) The U-Drop-Inn and gas station in Shamrock, Texas closed down in December, 1995.	
n) Santa Fe Train Station in Williams, Arizona operates as a hotel and train station for the Grand Canyon Railway.	
o) The Palmer Hotel and Cafe in Joplin, Missouri is still open.	