

**30-Minute Activity:**

Travel has become much easier since the Rendels went to Saudi Arabia in 1937, and mapping has become much more sophisticated. Using a map app (such as Google Maps) track the Rendels' trip as it would look today. Try the trip by different modes of transportation, such as air travel, bus and car. Discuss what you think would be better about traveling today than in 1937 and what you might miss out on. What, if anything, would have been better when the Rendels traveled?

**This lesson meets these Common Core Standards:**

**WHST.9-10.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

**WHST.9-10.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.