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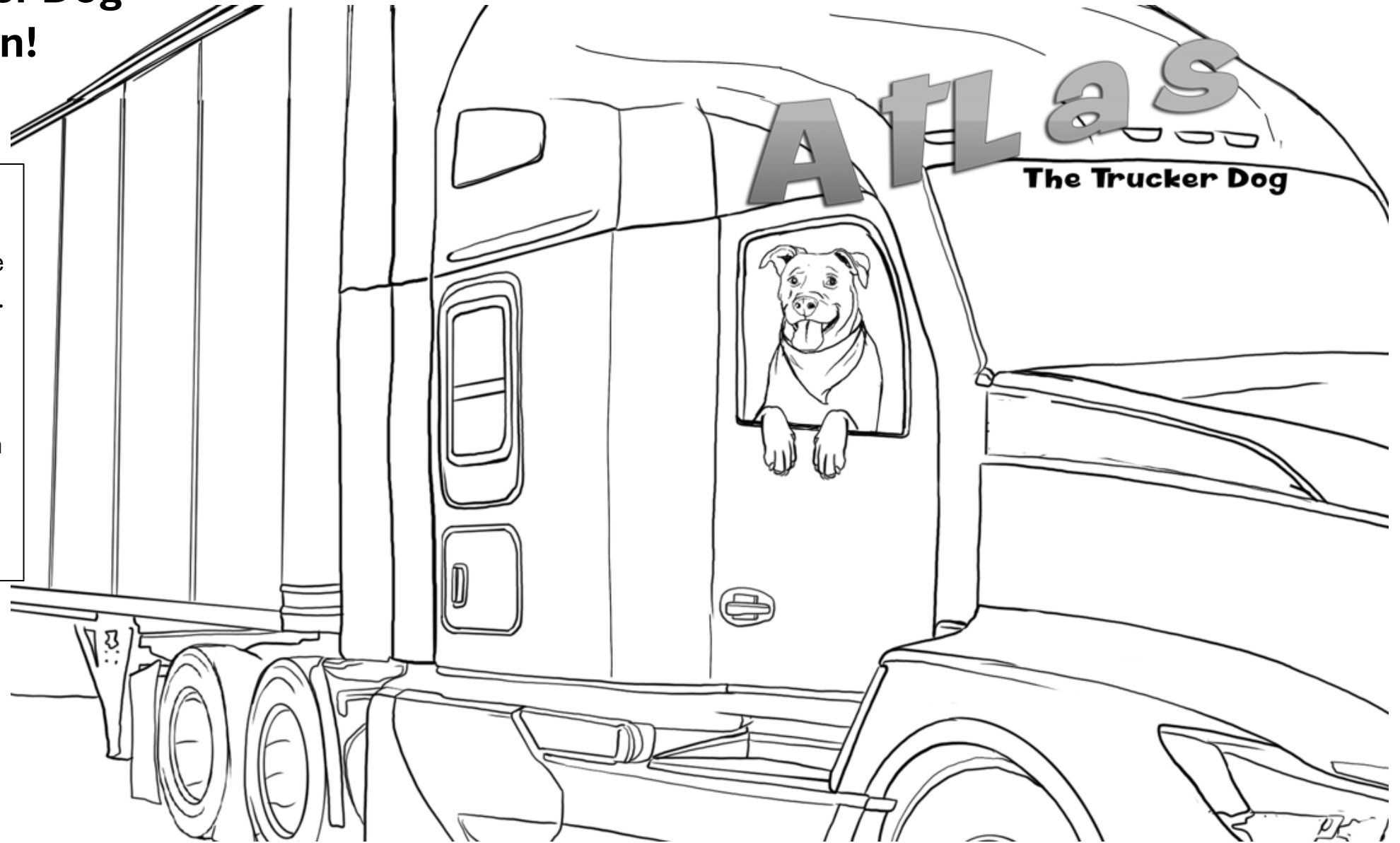
The Trucker Dog

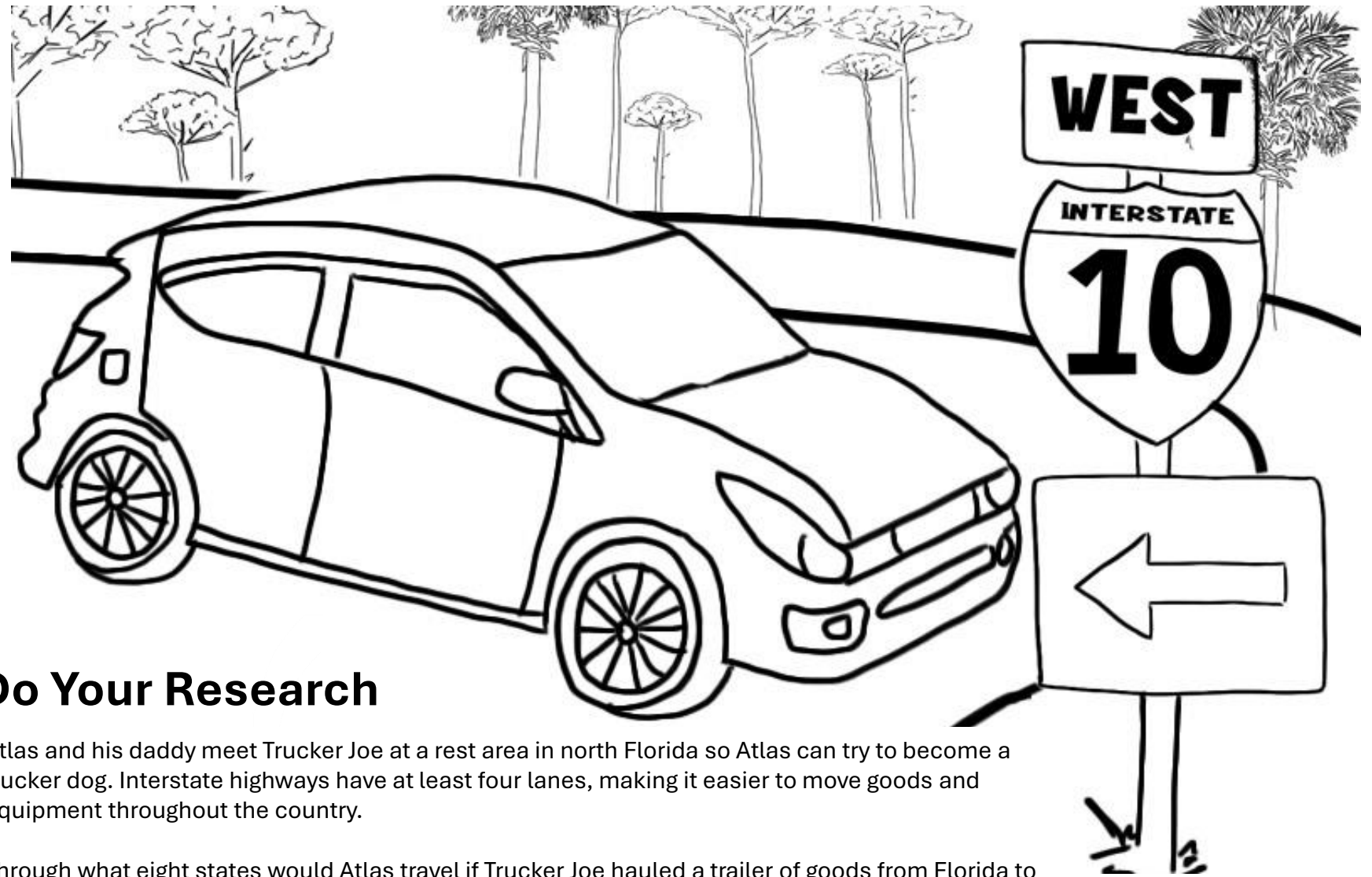
Fun Educational Activities
for Exceptional Readers of Any Age
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Atlas the Trucker Dog Delivers Fun!

Truck drivers move trailers full of things we need and want from one town or state to another. Drivers who are OTR, or over-the-road, live in their semi trucks. Each truck has one driver or a team of two drivers. Pets help truckers stay happy and healthy.

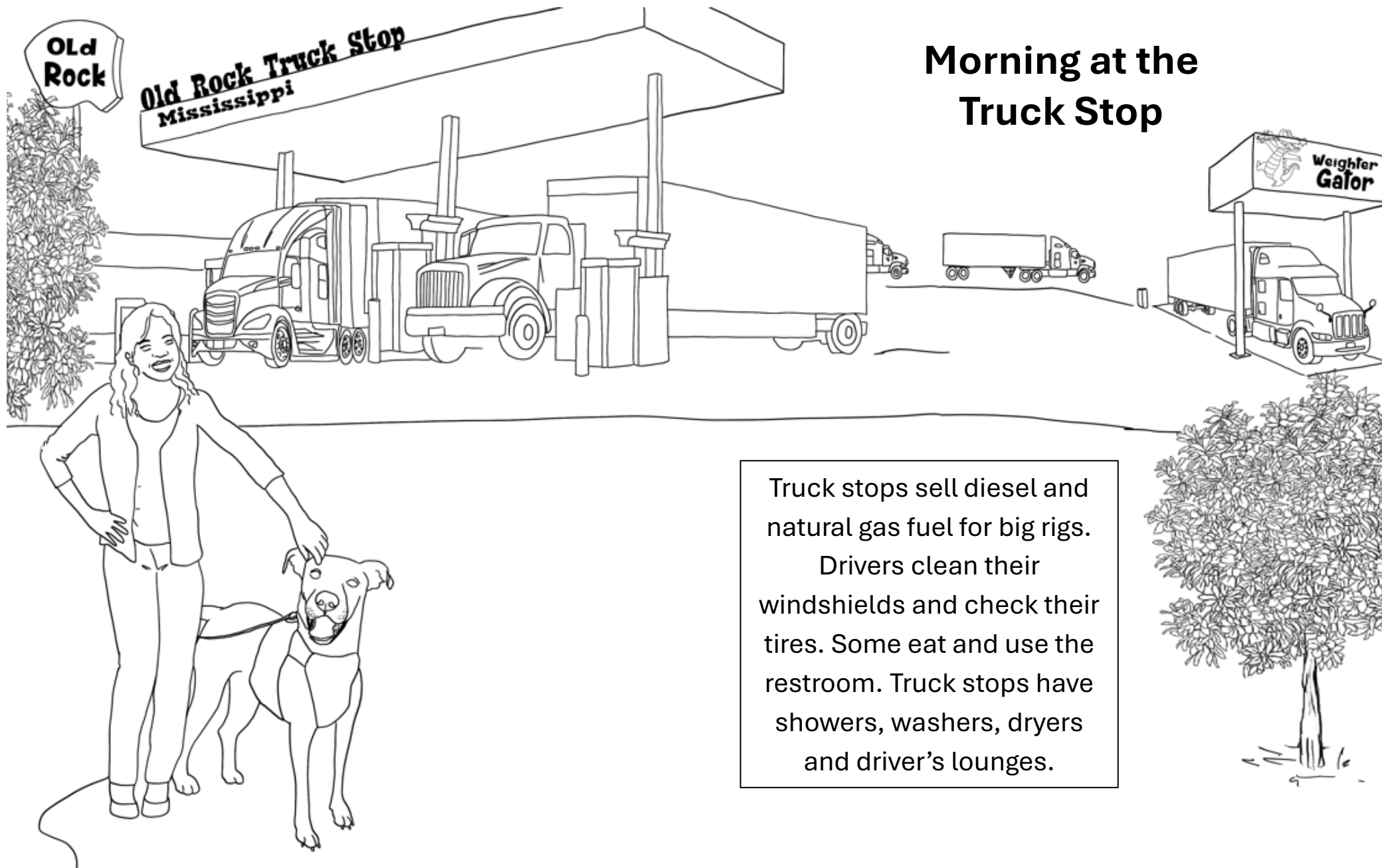




Do Your Research

Atlas and his daddy meet Trucker Joe at a rest area in north Florida so Atlas can try to become a trucker dog. Interstate highways have at least four lanes, making it easier to move goods and equipment throughout the country.

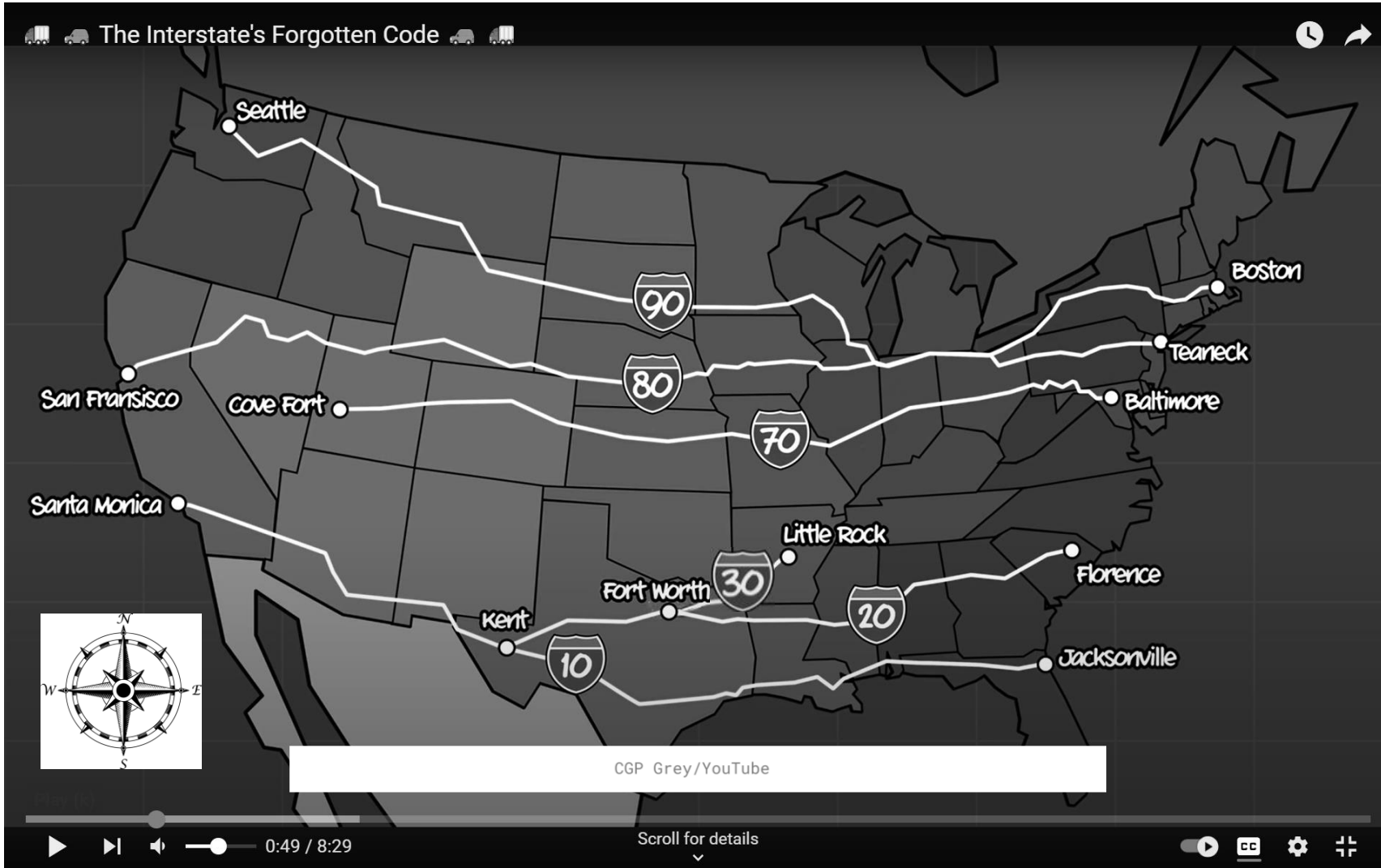
Through what eight states would Atlas travel if Trucker Joe hauled a trailer of goods from Florida to California on I-10?



Morning at the Truck Stop

Truck stops sell diesel and natural gas fuel for big rigs. Drivers clean their windshields and check their tires. Some eat and use the restroom. Truck stops have showers, washers, dryers and driver's lounges.

Plan an Interstate Trip



Atlas and his daddy met Trucker Joe and Grandma at a rest area on Interstate 10 in Florida.

I-10 begins in the west in what California city?

I-10 ends in the east in what Florida city?

On which interstate highway can you travel from Seattle, Washington to Boston, Massachusetts?

What major Texas city does Interstate 20 pass through?

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RAILROAD

1. Truck drivers move trailers full of things we _____ and _____ from one town or state to another.
2. A semi-truck has seats that use _____ to absorb bumps and vibrations.
3. Truck stops sell _____ and natural gas fuel for big rigs.
4. Truckers connect _____ and _____ hoses between the tractor and trailer.
5. True or False: Truck drivers can drive as many hours in a day as they can stay awake.
6. True or False: Truck drivers drive. They don't have to leave the tractor cab to do parts of the job.
7. True or False: Some trucking companies allow OTR drivers to bring along a friend and a pet.
9. True or False: Atlas and Ace are trucker cats.



**Show
What You
Know!**

OKLAHOMA!



In the book *Atlas the Trucker Dog*, Trucker Joe travels north on U.S. Route 283 in Oklahoma. Can you guess whether each statement is true? Do research to confirm your guesses.

The State of Oklahoma is home to more people than cows (cattle).

My guess: TRUE FALSE

Research Says
Oklahoma's human population:

Oklahoma's cattle population:

Laverne has the smallest population of any town in Oklahoma.

My guess: TRUE FALSE

Research Says
Laverne IS / IS NOT Oklahoma's smallest town.

How did I do my research?

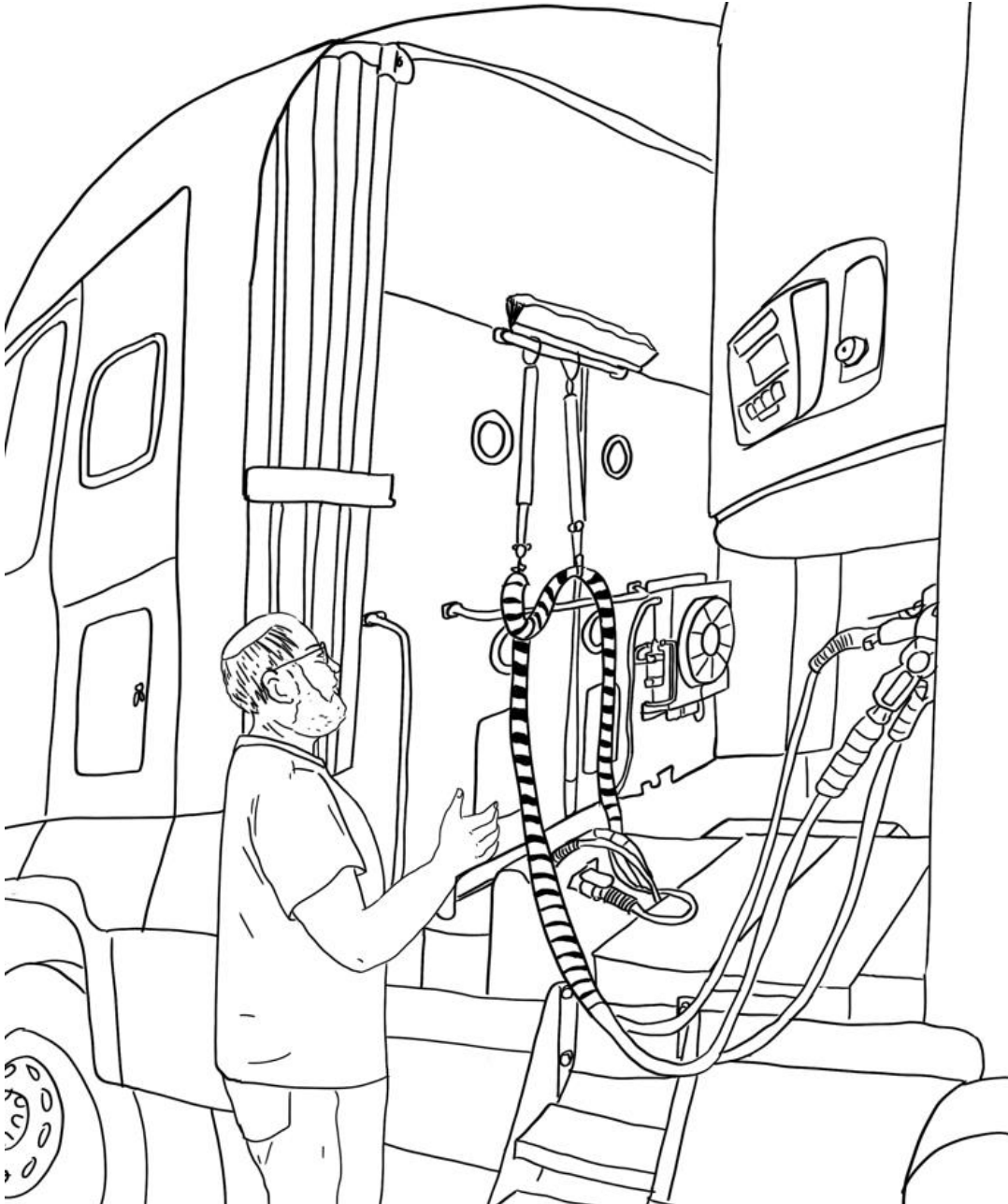
Truck drivers hook tractors to trailers, then do a “tug test” to make sure they are safe to be moved hundreds of miles. Truckers connect air and electrical hoses between the tractor and trailer. They also raise the trailer’s landing gear.

Tractor

Locking Storage

Load Lock Bars

Steer Tire



Draw a Line from the Description to the Equipment

Trailer Broom

Backing Lights

APU
(Auxiliary Power Unit)

Refrigerator Unit
Control Panel

Air Line, Secondary Air
Line and Electrical
Cable

Talk About Trucking

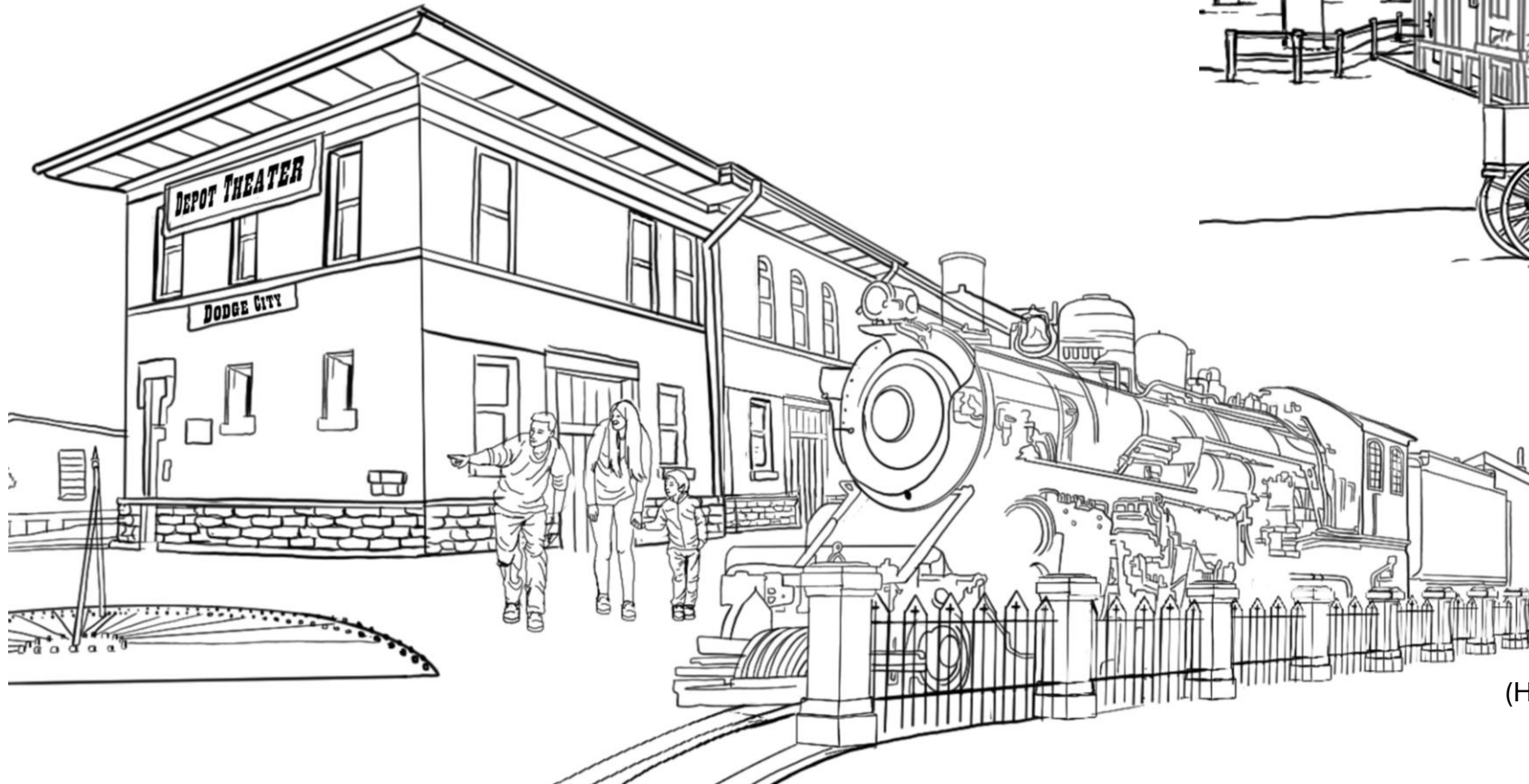
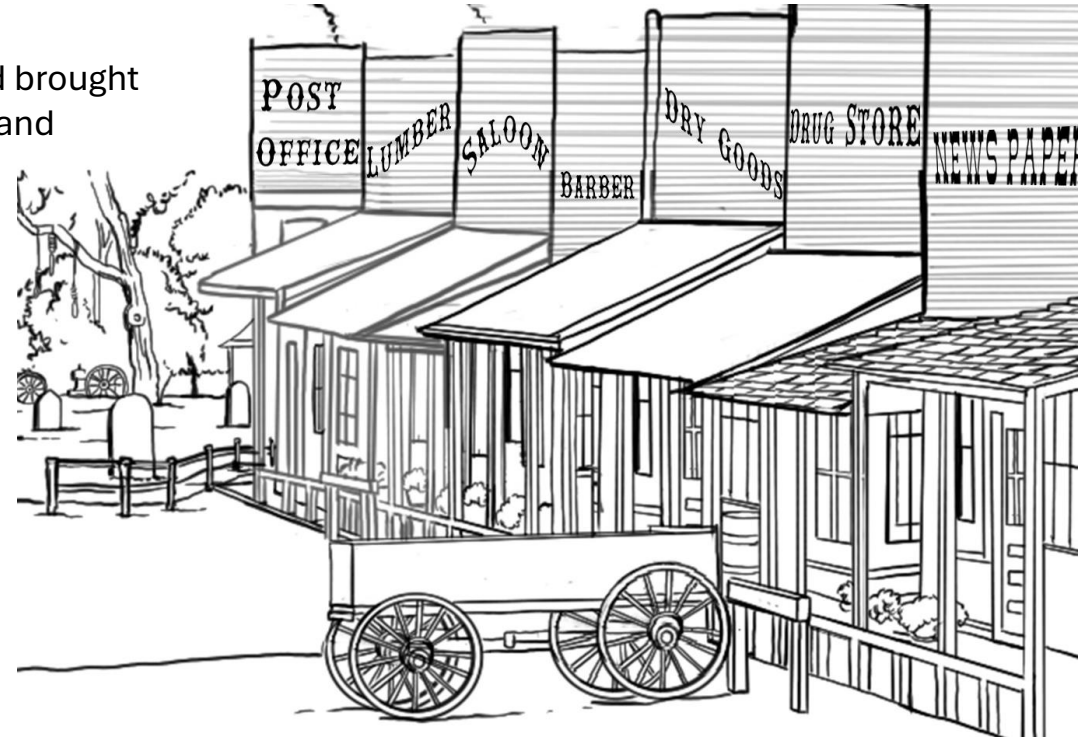
1. Pets help truckers stay happy and healthy.
Why would the author say that?
2. There is a law that says truckers can only drive 11 hours a day.
Do you think that's a good law?
3. Truck stops sell fuel for big rigs.
What else do you think might be sold at a truck stop?
4. Truckers take trailers to be washed before or after carrying certain loads.
Why do you think truckers do that?
5. Truck drivers hook tractors to trailers.
What do you think could happen if the tractor isn't hooked securely to the trailer?



The Santa Fe Railroad reached Dodge City, Kansas in 1872. Before the railroad brought goods to town, how do you think the people who lived there got food, clothing and building supplies? Circle the ways you think are correct from the list below.

Tractor Trailers Horses and Wagons Drone Drops Pack Mule Trains

Cut Down Trees and Cut Local Stone Grew their Own Food Door Dash



Dodge City, Kansas
Founded in _____

(Hint: It's on a sign in the book, *Atlas the Trucker Dog!*)



Read and Respond

The truck's brakes are a compressed air system. A semi-truck has seats that use that air pressure to absorb bumps and vibrations. Truckers are allowed to drive up to 11 hours in a 14-hour workday.

Why do big rigs have bouncy seats?