

CASE NAME: ROAD TRIP

ATTENDING OFFICER(S): CHRIS MOORE

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME LOCATION: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SOLVED!



Answer: PLACES

The first thing is to fill in the answers to the list of clues, noticing that each word is the concatenation of multiple US state postal codes:

Superman admirer Lois - LANE

Drink of the gods - NECTAR

Solo vocal piece with instrumental accompaniment - ARIA

Mark left by healing tissue - SCAR

Not yours - MINE

Property damaging punk - VANDAL

Return the plane to Earth - LAND

Molten rock - LAVA

Repair - MEND

Charity given to relieve the poor - ALMS

Noah's boats - ARKS

Supplies with weapons - ARMS

Letter opener? - DEAR

Pen pigments - INKS

Jefferson, Lincoln, or Vietnam Veterans – MEMORIAL

Then, as mentioned in the title, you need to take a trip. Each word shows you the start, middle (when applicable), and end points of the trip. As the subtitle suggests, your trips will be between the state capitals. Taking each group of answers and drawing the routes on the map yields one letter per grouping, as drawn below:

Lane: Louisiana -> Nebraska

Nectar: Nebraska -> Connecticut -> Arkansas



Aria: Arkansas -> Iowa

Scar: South Carolina -> Arkansas



Mine: Michigan -> Nebraska

Vandal: Virginia -> North Dakota -> Alabama



A

Land: Louisiana -> North Dakota

Lava: Louisiana -> Virginia

Mend-> Maine -> North Dakota



C

Alms: Alabama -> Mississippi

Arks: Arkansas -> Kansas

Arms: Arkansas -> Mississippi

Dear: Delaware -> Arkansas

Inks: Indiana -> Kansas



Memorial: Maine -> Missouri -> Rhode Island -> Alabama



Taking the six letters in order gives you the answer...PLACES.