

The Blue Ridge Parkway: Picking Sides

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ANSWER KEY

<p><u>The Case for Tennessee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why does Tennessee object to the North Carolina route? List and briefly explain the main reasons.• Based on their arguments, why is the Tennessee route a better option for the Blue Ridge Parkway?• Make note of any other observations you have related to the Tennessee route.	<p><u>The Case for North Carolina:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why does North Carolina object to the Tennessee route? List and briefly explain the main reasons.• Based on their arguments, why is the North Carolina route a better option for the Blue Ridge Parkway?• Make note of any other observations you have related to the North Carolina route.
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's not fair that North Carolina should be the only one to benefit from the BRP. Share the wealth with Tennessee!• This is the most logical way to connect the two national parks, Shenandoah National Park and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.• There's no way that the BRP would be able to pass near every tourist attraction in NC anyway, so it's unreasonable for NC to say that they depend on the road for tourism.• There is more variety in the landscape and the views are better. It's preferable to see the mountains from a distance than to be in them.• It'll be easier to build.	<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennessee has already benefited from a government program—the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). It's NC's turn to reap some benefits.• The BRP is needed to maintain and boost tourism in the western portion of the state. By redirecting the road through Tennessee, Asheville will lose much of its tourism potential.• The BRP will bring much needed jobs and money to the area.• The Tennessee route is flat and boring, while the NC route is mountainous and has better views.• It will be perfectly fine to build—they've charted it out carefully.