

**READING** McPhee, J. (2003) A Fleet of One. *Annals of Transport, The New Yorker*, February 17, 2003.

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This essay relates the author's experiences riding cross country in a chemical tanker. While the narrative is particular to the author's journey and conversations with a truck driver he accompanies, the essay provides insights into the world of long haul trucking.

The following questions can be used to facilitate discussion regarding the reading, or as quiz questions for quizzes used to encourage students to complete assigned readings.

## DISCUSSION/QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What is one challenge the driver faces in doing his job efficiently and safely?
2. True or False: The author describes his experiences riding in a truck carrying lumber.
3. While this is a narrative essay (as opposed to a research document), what are two pieces of information within the essay that could be useful or enlightening to those studying trucking?