

## Overview

### Resource Suggestions for *The Bricklayer*

The lesson plans, readings, and additional resources for *The Bricklayer* can be found at the following websites:

**America on the Move** – a comprehensive collection of lesson plans, short videos, online exhibition related to the role of transportation in American history.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/learning/classroom.html#1930>

**He Laid the Brick Road** – a newspaper article from Goodland about James Garfield Brown and his role in laying brick in Goodland.

<http://www.goodlandnet.com/history/brickstreets.htm>

**Gas—Food—Lodging: How the Automobile shaped Johnson County** – an article from the Johnson County Museum

<http://search.jocohistory.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/alb&CISOPTR=255&filename=256.pdf>

**Building Good Roads in Johnson County: 1861-1925** – an article from the Johnson County Museum

[http://search.jocohistory.org/cdm4/item\\_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/alb&CISOPTR=405&CISOBX=1&REC=3](http://search.jocohistory.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/alb&CISOPTR=405&CISOBX=1&REC=3)

**Newspaper article and video about contemporary brick-laying contests:**

<http://www.mvgazette.com/article.php?19654>

**Listing of National Auto Trails:**

<http://academic.marion.ohio-state.edu/schul/trails/national/natlist.html>

**Definition and explanation of the United States highway system:**

[http://www.wordiq.com/definition/United\\_States\\_highway](http://www.wordiq.com/definition/United_States_highway)

**History of the United States highways:**

<http://us-highways.com/>

**Resources for Analyzing Primary Sources:**

<http://bringinghistoryhome.org/curriculum-resources/general-resources>

**Lesson Plan Ideas**

The story of James Garfield Brown and the paving of Kansas City Road fits into the broader picture of the development and changes that accompanied the growth in the use of the automobile in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Johnson County Museum has a selection of photographs of Brown and his crews as they were paving the road through Lenexa and Johnson County. Have students analyze the photos to discover the process involved in building a road and to find out more about what things looked like in the 1920s. Those photos can be found at <http://search.jcohistory.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOROOT=all&CISOOP1=all&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOBOX1=Indian%20Jim> . Two articles listed above about Gas-Food-Lodging and Building Good Roads are excellent short readings to supplement this lesson.