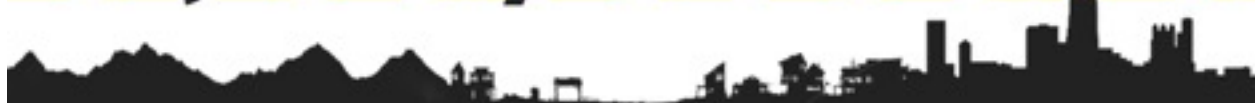


Highway Histories



U.S. History Students at Chicago Christian High School Need Your Help!

Highway Histories is a research project started by a veteran high school history teacher and inspired by many cross-country trips in his Volkswagen van. As he traveled the across the country, he wondered about the stories of the people in the region. **Highway Histories** is a project intended to answer those questions.

Throughout the school year, students in four classes of United States History, working in pairs, will select a 15-20 mile stretch of interstate highway. They will then research the history of the surrounding land, interview local residents and historians, and produce a professional quality podcast, essentially acting as audio docents for the highway traveler.

Like the audio guides one might find at a museum, **Highway Histories** will explain the history of the land as the listener travels. Podcasts will be paced to match posted speed limits, pointing out features of the land and informing the traveler about interesting stops along the way.

Goals:

- To tell the histories of stretches of interstate highway that might otherwise be overlooked and under-appreciated, despite the important stories that have unfolded in the area.
- To give students real world historical research skills.
- To give students experience conducting interviews.
- To help students develop a confident speaking voice.
- To create a polished, professional product that will live beyond the class and be interacted with by the public at large.

*You are receiving this letter because you live or work along the route we've chosen to research. We need your help finding the stories and storytellers of your region. Any information and contacts would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the **Highway Histories** students at:*

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