

KMH Tours Web Page

In-person field trips are not possible during the museum's renovation closure. However, we have produced online materials to fill the void. Listed below are a variety of formats we produced to fit your classroom needs. Arranged by grade level, materials are free and available on your time schedule. Museum staff also offer special virtual classroom visits to enhance some of these materials. Please contact us to see how we can connect with your class to enrich their learning experience at KSHS.Education@ks.gov.

Video & Video Tours: Video tours follow the on-site tour format and offer video from our exhibits gallery, including up close views of primary sources related to the topic. Some videos highlight hands-on activities and past exhibits.

Read-alongs & Sing-alongs: For younger students, we offer read-alongs that include the words and voice overs to tell each story. Sing-alongs are also a fun way to learn about Kansas.

Nearpod Lessons: Using the free platform Nearpod.com, we combine video tours, primary sources, and interactive lessons on Kansas history topics. These can be teacher-led or self-paced for students. No membership is required, however, if teachers have a Nearpod account and want to add our lessons to their own library, please contact kshs.education@ks.gov to request editable copies.

Primary level

Wagons, Wheels, and Wings Museum Video Tour (19:30) This transportation tour covers 5 forms of travel and takes place in the Museum's gallery. Essential questions: Do forms of transportation change over time? Do these forms affect how we live our lives?

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Indian Homes in Kansas Nearpod Museum Tour (25:00) This Nearpod lesson follows the same format as our on-site tour within the museum gallery. Included are inside views of each home, interactive worksheets, and historic photos. Essential questions: What natural resources did Native Americans of long ago use to build houses in Kansas?

Lucy Goes to Oregon Read-Along (6:06) Young Lucy tells the story of her family's journey to Oregon in a covered wagon in the 1800s. They face hardships yet they make it to their destination. Essential question: Why did people move to Oregon? How did they get there?

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Where is Kansas? Nearpod Read-along (3 lessons that follow *Read Kansas!* Lessons P-1 (7:00), P-2 (6:00), P-3 (7:00)). This Nearpod lesson introduces primary students to the state of Kansas, Living on a farm or city, and state symbols.

Living in Kansas Today Video Read-along (3:42) Using the *Read Kansas!* Lessons P-1, P-2, and P-3, this video introduces primary students to the state of Kansas, living on a farm or city, and state symbols.

“Oh Where, Oh Where, is Kansas?” Sing-along with lesson (3:42) This fun sing-along is great for primary students. It places Kansas in context on a map of the U.S. Essential question: Can you find Kansas on a map? There is also a link to the song alone.

“Home on the Range” Sing-along (2:32) This fun sing-along highlights the Kansas state song.

Video: How to make an American Indian Pumpkin Mat (2:30) This fun activity helps students learn by doing history.

Video: Bison Bladder (2:04) American Indians carried water in their own version of a water bottle.

Intermediate level

Santa Fe Trail Museum Video Tour (7:24) This museum gallery tour covers the Santa Fe Trail and who and what traveled this commerce route. Essential questions: Why would the U.S. and Mexico want to trade? What did traders take on the Santa Fe Trail?

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Oregon Trail Nearpod Museum Tour (23:00) Through historic photos, maps, and video, this program illustrates life on the Oregon Trail. Interactive activities are included. Essential questions: What pushed emigrants to take this journey? What challenges or hardships did travelers face? What changes came about because of this trail?

Rural School Days Nearpod Museum Tour (47:00) This program includes actual video from the Museum’s one-room Stach School and Miss Drown. She teaches lessons such as arithmetic, orthography, history, and recitations just as they learned in the 1920s. Lessons are provided and can be completed by students.

The Santa Fe Trail Nearpod Lesson (28:00) Using historic photos, maps, and artifacts, this program tells the story of the Santa Fe Trail. Interactive critical thinking questions and activities are included. Essential questions: Why would the U.S. and Mexico want to trade? What did traders take on the Santa Fe Trail?

“Home on the Range” Sing-along (2:32) This fun sing-along highlights the Kansas state song. Combine this with *Read Kansas!* Lesson I-11 for students to learn the history of this song. Essential questions: How did this become the Kansas state song? How is the Kansas setting described in it?

Videos:

What can I learn about the SFT from Archeology? (1:39 Primary Sources)

What can I learn about the SFT from Archive materials? (4:49 Primary Sources)

What can I learn about the SFT from Artifacts? (3:48 Primary Sources)

What can I learn about the SFT from the Landscape? (2:07 Primary Sources)

The above four videos provide insight into how we learn from primary sources.

Video: Mr. Mahaffie tells us about animals on the SFT (3:50 Living History)

Video: Mr. Mahaffie tells us about people on the SFT (3:40 Living History)

The above two videos feature a conversation with Mr. Mahaffie who lived in Kansas in the 1800s.

Video: The Oregon Trail: What was it like to be a kid on the trail? (1:58 gallery tour)

This short video in the Museum gallery discusses life as a child on the Oregon Trail.

Video: How to make an American Indian Pumpkin Mat (2:30) This fun activity helps students learn by doing history.

Video: Bison Bladder (2:04) American Indians carried water in their own version of a water bottle.

Middle & High School level

The Three Branches of Kansas Government Nearpod Lesson (27:00) This lesson covers both history and government standards relating specifically to Kansas. Essential questions: What are the roles, duties, and responsibilities of each branch of government? Why do the three branches of Kansas government separate powers?

The Dust Bowl in Kansas Nearpod Lesson (22:00) This lesson includes several formats of primary sources, historic photos and film, and more to tell the story of the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. Essential questions: How does the environment affect our lives? How do people impact the environment? How do people adapt to environmental changes?

Epidemics in Kansas History Nearpod Lesson (35:00) This lesson combines science and history to tell the story of the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, which started in Kansas, and other epidemics. Primary sources help illustrate how people coped during these difficult times. Essential questions: What is the difference between bacteria and viruses? How did doctors long ago come to understand the spread of this virus? What can we learn from past epidemics?

John Brown and the Fight Over Slavery in Kansas Nearpod Lesson (21:00) This begins with a map reading activity to understand the history of slavery expansion in the U.S. up to 1854 and the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Primary sources help students learn about “Bleeding Kansas” conflicts due to popular sovereignty. Students evaluate John Brown’s role to end slavery through quizzes and activities. Essential questions: Is John Brown a terrorist or hero? Did the Civil War begin in Kansas? Can one man make a difference?

Video: What is Archeology (2:19) What do archeologists study and why?

Video: [Martha Farnsworth: An Everyday Revolutionary](#) (13:27) The story of a woman who worked tirelessly to earn the right to vote for Kansas women is told through words from her diary. ([lesson plan](#))

Video: [Upward to Equality: Kansas Women Fight to Vote](#) (16:30) This highlights a special museum exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the courageous women who made it possible. Trading cards and an exhibit catalog are available through this link.

Video: [The Potawatomi Baptist Manual Labor School](#) (13:45) Learn the story of the Potawatomi Mission that sits on the grounds of the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka.

Video: [Kansas Memory: KSHS Online Repository](#) (3:22) This video shows how easy it is to access Kansas primary sources for your research.

Video Tours at the Capitol

Kansas State Capitol Dome Tour (10:38) This amazing tour takes you up 296 stairs to the very top of the Capitol Dome. If you don't like heights, this is the way to see the dome.

State Capitol Tour with Governor Laura Kelly (14.58 intermediate grades)

State Capitol Tour with Governor Laura Kelly (27.35 middle/high school)

Hosted by Governor Laura Kelly, these tours highlight the State Capitol, including the governor's office, senate and house chambers, and artwork.

State Capitol Tour with C-Span (10:10 all levels)

Filmed by C-span in 2015, this short video describes construction of our State Capitol, and the highlights that make it special, including a view of the inner dome and view from the top.

Brown v Board of Education Mural Tour (3:58 Intermediate/middle/high)

Tragic Prelude Mural Tour (6:49 intermediate/middle/high)

These two short videos highlight these paintings featured in the State Capitol. Symbolism and historical significance are discussed.