

## Project Year

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## Project Team

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## Project Title

American Highways

## Audience

Students enrolled in the *Automobile Age* course, as well as researchers and educators studying the history of highways at any institution.

## Pedagogical Issue

Among the topics covered in Professor Leslie's *Automobile Age* class is a brief history of Route 66. This road, for many years, seemed to symbolize the new culture in America that followed the introduction of the automobile. However, the inclusion of this subject matter in the course presents a problem: it is difficult to present the great historical significance of this highway in sufficient detail, especially when teaching students who were born after Route 66 was decommissioned.

## Solution

This team proposes to create an online resource that students can consult for information about Route 66. The Fellows will drive along what is left of the highway, chronicling its landmarks, geography and people in photographs, videos, sketches and interviews. All of the information collected will be stored in a database and made available to future students via an interactive website. In essence, the site will be a virtual road trip.

## Technologies Used

Digital Audio, Digital Video, HTML/Web Design

Links to the American Highways project site are available here:

<http://www.tulsapreservationcommission.org/blog/index.pl?e=1017>

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=103763259662194171141.000001119b4b42bf062c2>