On the Road Again:
Field Trips and Pedagogy

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Challenges of summer classes:
- Shortened time between classes
- Shortened time to develop class community
- Less time for reading/writing
- Students’ desire to meet requirement (rather than necessarily interest in the course)
Landscape of the Midwest: Authors of Illinois

Concept of the Midwest
Culture of the Midwest which connects authors and students
Place, history, and aesthetics
Structure of the Class

- Four week class
- One-two field trips a week
- Position papers due every day except on field trip days
- Car-pooling for all trips
Place-making Activities: Creating questions about place using the Writing Project

Location
Locale
Sense of Place
Eyestone School Museum
Vachel Lindsay House
Grave of Vachel Lindsay

Nicholas Vachel Lindsay
1879 – 1931

Poet
Carl Sandburg House
Remembrance Rock
Grave of Carl Sandburg
Our Class at Masters’ Grave in the rain
Evergreen Cemetery