

# Vigo County Historical Society & Museum

## Vigo County History Lesson Plan

### The River, Road & Rails

#### VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

<b>pioneer</b> One of the first to settle in a new area	<b>flatboat</b> A boat with a flat bottom and square ends used to transport freight in shallow waters
<b>current</b> The part of water in a river or stream moving in a certain direction	<b>territory</b> A region or piece of land that has not yet become a State
<b>platted</b> To plan and map out a section of land	<b>prairie</b> A type of habitat with mostly grasses; Grasslands in North America
<b>commerce</b> The buying and selling of goods between different places	<b>merchant</b> A person who buys and sells goods; a business operator or storekeeper
<b>Conestoga wagon</b> A broad-wheeled, covered wagon drawn by a team of horses and used to carry freight.	<b>converge</b> To move toward one point and join together

Activity- Find two of these vocabulary words from the reading exercises and complete a **Vocabulary Word Frame**.