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### Reflection #9

Walter Johnson's book, *The Broke Heart of America*, is about the history of Saint Louis. What Johnson "uncovers" in this book is a man by the name of Harland Bartholomew. This man was responsible for the destruction of "neighborhoods of Black St. Louis." Bartholomew was able to make terms that directly included racism sound "color-blind." This meant that people would not notice that they were referring to racism.

The book also shows a reference to a map that Bartholomew made detailing where black people were residing. He also said that these places should be "torn down" and replaced with places that would be taxed more. Overall, he was a greedy individual and seemed to have a hidden bias against black people. He goes as far as calling these places "blighted."

Using some of this historical context, my group and I could implement it into our map because we are doing the community development map. These sources will help us significantly by showing how these communities were torn apart, and then eventually were built back up.