



THE GREAT MIGRATION

Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the Great Migration? With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help you answer your questions. Then write a paragraph about what you learned.





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You Are There

Chapter One describes the race riot that erupted in Chicago in 1919. Imagine you are a journalist living in Chicago at that time. Write a news article about the riot. How does the Great Migration relate to this riot? What events led up to the riot?





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Say What?

Studying history can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never seen before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.





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Why Do I Care?

For many years, the Great Migration was a topic that was often overlooked in history books. Today it is recognized as a significant movement in US history. Though the Great Migration ended before you were born, how does it affect you today? How might the United States be different if the Great Migration had not happened?





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Another View

This book discusses black migrants' experiences during the Great Migration. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult to help you find another source that explores a migrant's perspective. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's authors. What is the point of view of each source? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?





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Discussion Questions

- In what ways were African Americans discriminated against in the South after the Civil War ended in 1865? How did the legacy of slavery affect the South?
- African Americans fled the South during the Great Migration to escape racial violence. In what ways did they continue to face racism in the North?





- What difficulties did black migrants face on their journey north?
- What is the legacy of the Great Migration? How is this legacy visible today?
- How do you think the story of the Great Migration could be taught in schools and communities today?

