

## The Great Migration

**WebQuest Description:** The Great Migration was the movement of over 6 million African Americans from the rural South to the North that began in the early 20th century and lasted up until the 1960s. The Great Migration not only changed the face of America, but contributed to changes in art, music and politics that were highlighted by the Harlem Renaissance in New York City.

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### Introduction

As we get ready to discover and learn about the Harlem Renaissance--and all of its associated cultural and political implications--it's very important to find some background information about how the Harlem Renaissance began, and where the people came from who helped inspire and create this wonderful cultural phenomenon that still impacts our nation today. Far too often, we fail to understand how significant historical events link together and bring us where we are today. This brief webquest will introduce you to the Great Migration and how the migration was a direct result of the ending of the Civil War and the movement of millions of free African Americans looking for a new start. This webquest will also show you how a world war, being fought across the Atlantic, impacted the lives of blacks stuck in the poverty of share cropping in the rural South. And finally, how a new culture of music and art grew out of a people's need, and desire, to live free and set their own cultural destiny.

### Tasks

Your task revolves around discovering and reporting on three things related to the Great Migration. One, to come up with a definition of the Great Migration. Two, to understand the major causes of the Great Migration, and finally, three, to understand the effect of the Great Migration on the Harlem Renaissance.

### Process

1) With your partner, go over and review your Great Migration Webquest worksheet. 2) Take a few minutes to click on the link to each of the websites. Briefly explore each website. 3) After you have had an opportunity to explore each website, begin working on the answers for your Great Migration Webquest.

### Evaluation

Your grade on this webquest will be based on how well you answer the questions in your packet. As we have discussed this year, it's important to use adequate details when you describe or explain an answer. TAKE YOUR TIME! Many times you will spend more time thinking about how to answer a question than actually writing the answer out. Take advantage of the discussions you have with your partner! Deep and meaningful conversations will allow you to come up with thoughts and ideas that you otherwise not be aware of if you were working by yourself. Do not hesitate to raise your hand and ask me questions. I may not give you the answer you want, but I will attempt to ask you questions that will get you to look at a question in a new and different way.

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### Conclusion

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