Enslavement to the Great Migration

LESSON PLAN FOR SUPPORTING QUESTION

How did African Americans respond to oppression after the Civil War?
This photo shows an Oklahoma cotton field of sharecroppers that was taken between ca. 1897 and 1898. Courtesy of National Archives and Records Administration, “Oklahoma Cotton Field,” between ca. 1897 and 1898.
This photo is of a sharecropper’s cabin, with his wife out front. The photo was taken 10 miles south of Jackson, Mississippi. The sharecropping system that replaced enslavement kept formerly enslaved people poor and unable to gain enough money to purchase any land. The conditions remained extreme oppressive. Courtesy of Library of Congress, O’Sullivan, Timothy H., “Large group of slaves(?) standing in front of buildings on Smith’s Plantation, Beaufort, South Carolina,” 1862
Sharecropper’s Wife and Cabin near Jackson, Mississippi, June 1937

This image from the Library of Congress shows a large group of enslaved people standing in front of buildings on Smith’s Plantation in Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1862. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Lange, Dorothea, “Sharecropper’s cabin and sharecropper’s wife. Ten miles south of Jackson, Mississippi,” June 1937
This abolitionist print shows the United States slave trade, and it was engraved in 1830. Courtesy of Library of Congress, “United States Slave Trade, 1830,” 1830
This photo shows a young cotton picker from Pulaski County in Arkansas. Children were sharecroppers. Many did not go to school, and others that did could only attend after the picking season was over. If they were able to go to school, it was to segregated schools with few supplies and poor conditions.

*Courtesy of Library of Congress, Shahn, Ben, “Young cotton picker, Pulaski County, Arkansas. Schools for colored children do not open until January 1st so as not to interfere with cotton picking,” October 1935*

This photo from May 1862 features the enslaved people that were owned by the Confederate General Thomas F. Drayton in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Moore, Henry P., “Slaves of the rebel Genl. Thomas F. Drayton, Hilton Head, S.C.,” May 1862
The photo shows the family of one of the evicted sharecroppers from Arkansas who has been resettled in Hillhouse, Mississippi. Sharecroppers rented a plot of land and paid for it with a percentage of the crop, usually 50 percent. Sharecroppers would get tools, animals, fertilizer, seeds and food from the landlord’s store and would have to pay him back at incredibly high interest rates. The landlord would determine the crop, supervise production, control the weighing and marketing of cotton and control the record keeping. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Lange, Dorothea, “Family of one of the evicted sharecroppers from Arkansas who has been resettled at Hill House, Mississippi,” July 1936
This photo shows enslaved African Americans standing next to their living quarters (small houses) on a plantation in Port Royal, South Carolina, in April 1862. Courtesy of Library of Congress, O’Sullivan, Timothy H., “Slave quarters on a plantation, Port Royal, South Carolina,” April 1862.
Dr. George Washington Carver was born into enslavement at the end of the Civil War, and he became one of the best-known and widely respected African Americans in the world. As an agricultural chemist, he discovered 300 uses for peanuts and many uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes. He attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and transferred to Iowa State College. He taught there for a brief period, too. Courtesy of USDA, "George Washington Carver," Special Collections, USDA National Agricultural Library, Unknown
1. Examine each image closely
   • Who is in the images? Describe the person(s) you see.

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2. What questions do you have about each image?

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3. What images tell us more about sharecropping? Which images tell us more about enslavement? Why?

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4. Pick an image and generate three questions about it.

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How to Source an Image Tool

Source

First, read the source. Students should be asked what they notice about the source.
• Use available citation information to infer something about who, what, when and/or where is represented in the primary source.
• Consider why someone created this primary source.

Observe

Next, the class will observe and take a look at what they see. It can helpful to allow partners to look at the image while discussing what they see.
• What do you see in the primary source?

Contextualize

The third step is to contextualize. Students will use the schema and the author's clues to infer who, what, when and where the primary source indicates.
• Use your schema and author's clues to infer who, what, when and/or where (something) about the primary source.

Corroborate

To corroborate, students will ask questions and use other sources to research and find evidence related to the image.
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This photo shows an African-American man entering a movie theatre to the small balcony section in Belzoni, Mississippi. This photo was taken when Jim Crow laws were enforced in the South. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Wolcott, Marion P., “Negro going in colored entrance of movie house on Saturday afternoon, Belzoni, Mississippi Delta, Mississippi,” ca. October 1939
This photo shows a segregated bus station in Durham, North Carolina in May 1940. This photo shows an African-American man entering a movie theatre to the small balcony section in Belzoni, Mississippi. This photo was taken when Jim Crow laws were enforced in the South.
This photo shows a segregated cafe near the tobacco market in Durham, North Carolina in May 1940. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Delano, Jack, “A cafe near the tobacco market, Durham, North Carolina,” May 1940
This photo is of a drinking fountain on the county courthouse lawn in Halifax, North Carolina in April 1938. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Vachon, John, “Drinking fountain on the county courthouse lawn, Halifax, North Carolina,” April 1938
This photo shows Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee, in October 1939. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Wolcott, Marion P., “Beale Street, Memphis, Tennessee,” October 1939
Katz Drug Store in Des Moines, Iowa, ca. 1940

This photo shows Katz Drug Store in Des Moines. Courtesy of State Historical Society of Iowa, “Katz Drug Store at 7th and Locust in Des Moines in about 1940,” ca. 1940
This photo shows the Greensboro Four, where Black students in North Carolina staged a sit-in at a F.W. Woolworth store that refused them service.

*Courtesy of Library of Congress, New York World-Telegram & Sun, 1 February 1960*
This map shows the migration patterns African Americans took during the period of the Great Migration, from 1910 to 1970.
Blank Map of the United States of America (Continental)

Oppression After the Civil War

What oppressions caused African Americans to stay or migrate after the Civil War?

- **Sharecropping**
  - Formerly-enslaved people
  - Work for “old master,” the landowner
  - The sharecropper plants and harvests the crop
  - The sharecropper (tenant) typically had to give half of what they earned to the landowner

- **Segregation**
  - To separate because of race
  - Jim Crow laws/black codes
  - Affects access to drinking fountains, theaters, parks, benches
  - Affects use of buses, trains, schools, restaurants, lunch counters

- **Lack of Voting Rights**
  - 15th Amendment, 1870
  - African-American men can vote
  - They are denied the right to vote through literacy tests, violence, poll taxes
  - Voting Rights Act of 1965

Oppression after the Civil War caused Africans to stay or migrate.
Vocabulary Flashcards

Enslavement

Emancipation Proclamation

Oppression

Segregation
Enslavement

The act of slavery; taken against your will to work without pay.

Oppression

To treat (a person or group of people) in unjust treatment or control, cruel or unfair way, prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or control.

Emancipation Proclamation

This was an executive order issued on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln to free enslaved people in all portions of the United States. It was an executive order issued on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln to free enslaved people in all portions of the United States.

Segregation

Segregation is the practice of requiring separate housing, education and other services for people of color. Segregation was made into law several times in 18th and 19th-century America as some believed that people of different races were incapable of coexisting.
Vocabulary Flashcards

- U.S. Constitution
- Amendment
- Preamble
- 13th Amendment
Constitution

A constitution is a set of rules that guide how a country, state or other political organization works. The constitution may be amended or changed.

Preamble

The preamble is the brief introduction to the U.S. Constitution. It states the Constitution's fundamental purposes.

Amendment

An amendment (change) to the U.S. Constitution to end the practice in America.

13th Amendment

An amendment (change) to the U.S. Constitution to make slavery illegal and to end the practice in America.

Amendment

The word usually refers to a change to the constitution of a government.

U.S. Constitution

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Confederate States of America

Union

Mason-Dixon Line

Secede
The Confederate States of America were the 11 southern states that seceded (left) the United States in order to preserve the enslavement of African Americans. People in support of the confederacy were known as Confederates.

The Mason-Dixon Line was the boundary between the north and the south (slave-owning) states before the abolition of slavery.

Union refers to the 20 free (northern) states and the four border/slaw states that stayed within the United States of America during the Civil War. The Union Army (or U.S. Army) fought against the Confederate States Army (CSA) during the war. In support of the Confederacy were people against the enslavement of African Americans. The Confederate States of America were known as Confederates.
Vocabulary Flashcards

- Voting
- Sharecropping
- Migration
Voting

Voting is a method for a group to make a collective decision or express an opinion usually following discussions, debates or campaigns. Democracies elect holders of public office - like a president or senator - by voting.

Migration

Human migration is the movement of people from one place to another with the intention of settling, permanently or temporarily at a new location (geographic region). The movement can be across countries or internally within a country.

Sharecropping

Sharecropping is a type of farming where landlords often kept tenant farmers severely indebted. High interest rates, unpredictable harvests and ruthless landlords kept tenant farmers on small plots of land from which people rent their land to farm crops. Tenancy enslaves people. Formerly enslaved people in the South, it was practiced a lot by landlords in return for a portion of crop.

By Voting

Voting is a method for a group to make a collective decision or express an opinion - like a president or senator - for a public office. Campaigns, Democratic elections, debates or public discourses usually follow discussions, opinions, or collective decisions.