

Economics and Housing:

What did African-Americans face in the first half of the 20th century?

(to accompany curriculum p. 59)

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Great Migration

- Who migrated from south to north?
- What were the push/pull factors? (what made them leave the south to go north?)
- How many moved from south to north?
- What was the time period?

Great Migration (con't.)

- Map: http://wps.ablongman.com/wps/media/objects/2661/2725147/atlas/Resources/sm_ah5_m002.jpg
- Image: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/images/dairy.jpg>
- Map: What areas/states did African-Americans come from?
- Map: Where did they go?
- Image: What does the sign mean?
- Image: Why might he be holding the sign?

FHA

- What was the Federal Housing Authority?
- Why was it created?
- What other agencies carried out its work?
- How would you assess the FHA's lending practices?

Redlining

- What agencies engaged in redlining?
- Map: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Home_Owners_%27_Loan_Corporation_Philadelphia_redlining_map.jpg
- What was the impact of redlining on urban communities?

Absentee landlords

- What does it mean to be an absentee landlord?
- Image: What attitude toward absentee landlords is portrayed in the picture?

<http://www.arizonatenants.com/images/slumlord-sm2.jpg>

G.I. Bill (1944)

- What requirements did veterans have to meet to be eligible for benefits?
- What could recipients do with the loans?
- Image: What message does this poster send?
How might an African-American soldier perceive this poster? (next slide...)

**SHALL I GO BACK
TO SCHOOL ?**



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ROUNDTABLE

Federal Aid Highway Act (1956)

- How did the building of highways spur the growth of suburbs?
- Map: What major cities were impacted most by highway construction?

<http://www.antiwar.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2006/06/map.gif>

Covenants

- What were covenants, in this context?
- What Supreme Court case dealt with racial covenants? What was the significance of the case?
- Image: How is this cartoon reflective of the Supreme Court's attitude?

<http://www.stus.com/images/products/con0010.gif>

Covenants (con't.)

- Map: What restrictions were placed on housing in the late 1940's?

<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/1761.html>

<http://www.k-state.edu/english/nelp/childlit/1930s/8d13572u.jpeg>

Blockbusting

- What is blockbusting?
- How might realtors and banks benefit from the practice?
- How might you react if many houses in your neighborhood were suddenly being sold?



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Fair Housing Act (1968)

- How did this act insure fair lending and buying practices?
- How might people get around this law?



Rust Belt

- Where does this name come from?
- Map: What major Rust Belt cities are NOT listed? Why? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rust_Belt
- Why were ethnic whites and African-Americans affected differently?