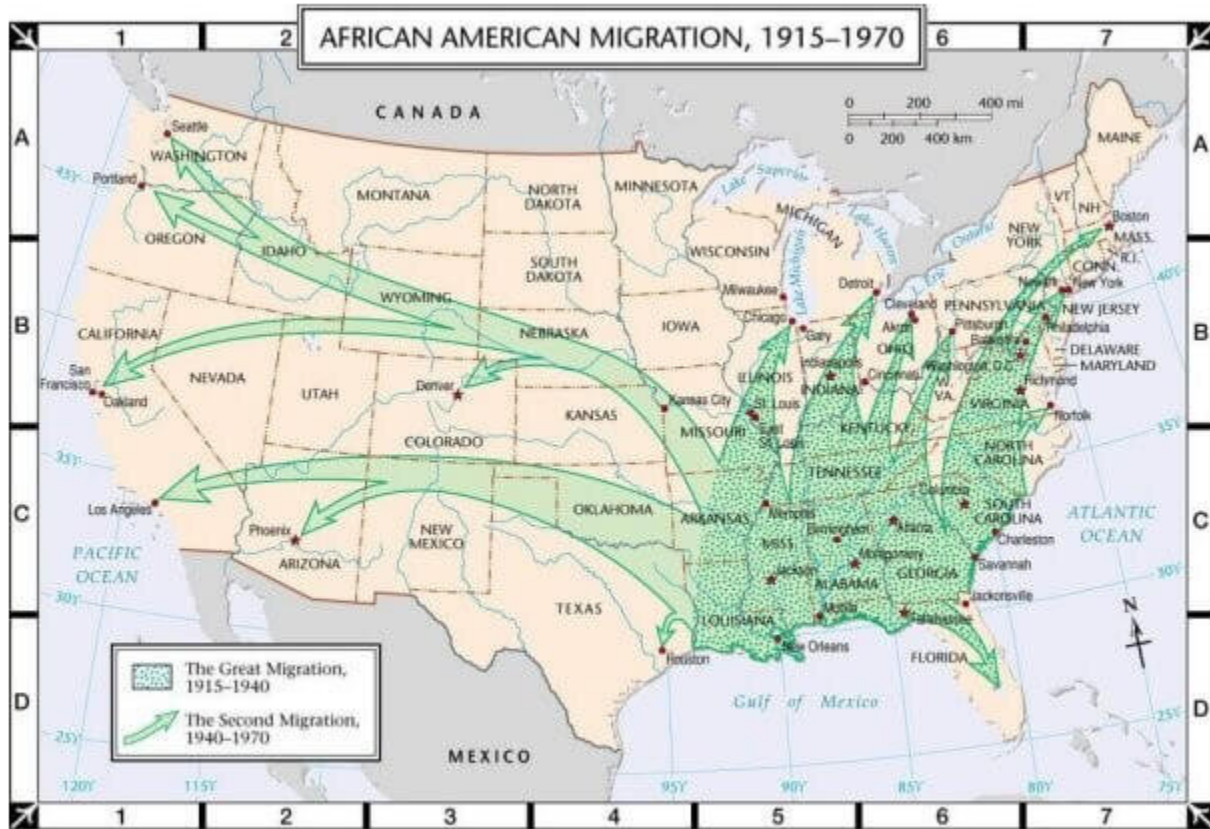


Resource 4a: Station 3 Activity

African American Migration



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A region can be defined as a part of a state or country that has similar characteristics. Delaware can be divided into urban and rural regions. The northern part of our state has more cities and people. It is more urban. The southern region of our state has more farms and fewer people. It is more rural.

Our country can also be divided into regions. A hundred years ago the north had more people and cities. The southern region of the country had more farms and fewer people. Many Black people lived in the south but many of them were treated very unfairly. They had to work long hours on farms in the hot sun for little money. Many were not able to vote and were mistreated when they tried to protest how they were treated.

Around 15 million Black people began leaving the South. Most went north where they believed that they would be treated more fairly. The number of Black people living in the north increased a lot while the number living in the south decreased.

In the year 1900, nine out of every 10 Black Americans lived in the South, and three out of every four lived on farms.

By 1970 only 5 out of 10 Black people lived in the South and only 20 percent of them were living in that region's rural areas.

This period in history is known as "The Great Migration." The word **migration** is used to describe the movement of people. Actually, there were two phases of the migration. One that lasted from 1915 until 1940. The second migration went from 1940 – 1970. By the time the Great Migration was over, six million Black Americans moved out of the South.

As a result of the Great Migration, many Black residents ended up creating their own cities within big cities. The best example was Harlem in New York City. The experiences of Black people during the Great Migration became an important topic in the artistic movement known as the Harlem Renaissance. The Great Migration also began a new era during which African Americans became more active. This helped start a civil rights movement.

Activity: Create a Pigeon Foot Chronology of events described in the African American Migration reading

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