Get on the Track: Migration – An African-American Adventure

Vocabulary Worksheet

1. Migration – change of residence from one place to another

2. Migration stream – a pattern in which movement of people take place moving from one place to another

3. Push factors of migration – factors that encourage a person to leave their homes; examples are lack of jobs, natural disasters, equal rights are not protected, terrorism

4. Pull factors of migration – factors that encourage a person to move to a new place; examples are better jobs, better or more food, more money, better health care, civil rights are protected

5. Boll weevil – a small beetle that causes damage to cotton crops

6. Lynching – to be hanged by a mob without a trial

7. Civil rights – rights belonging to a person because he/she is a citizen of the society
Book Discussion Questions

Please answer the following questions after reading the book *The Great Migration* by National Geographic

1. To what time period is the text referring?
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   ____________________________________________________________________
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2. Why did African-Americans want to move from their Southern Homes? List three reasons. These are called push factors.
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   ____________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

3. How did they travel to the North? Why did they use this method?
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4. List two opportunities African-Americans found in the North. These are called pull factors.
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5. List two obstacles African-Americans faced in the South.
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Teacher Answer Key for Discussion Questions

1. WW I

2. No jobs, education or enough food

3. The train

4. Jobs, voting rights,

5. Little change to make money, little educational opportunities
PUSH AND PULL FACTORS OF MIGRATION

Push Factors

Economic factors:
Lack of employment
Mechanization of agriculture in the South (machines doing the farming)
Natural disasters (boll weevil, floods)

Social Factors:
Lack of health care
Lack of equal education
Lack of voting rights

Political Factors:
Unfair court system
Disenfranchisement (Not being able to vote)
Lynching and terrorism

Pull Factors

Economic Factors:
Hope for better jobs
More money and food
Expanded industry

Social Factors:
Encouragement from family and friends
Better health care
Better education

Political Factors:
To gain civil rights - voting
Desire to be free of abuse
Assignment: You are an African American who has moved your family to the North during the early 1900’s. You are writing a letter to a family member who still lives in the South. Your letter needs to convince them to move to the North.

To whom are you writing the letter? ___________________________________

Where in the North did you decide to live?______________________________

List three push factors for leaving the South:

1._________________________________________________________________
2._________________________________________________________________
3._________________________________________________________________

List three pull factors for going to the North:

1._________________________________________________________________
2._________________________________________________________________
3._________________________________________________________________

You letter needs to include the following:

___Heading
___Salutation (greeting)
___Body (3 push and 3 pull factors)
___Closing (for example, Yours Truly or Love)
___Signature