Paths to New Homes

Three groups and their moves

SS24.2.14 "Explain how and why people have moved into and within the United States. 14a Describe the experiences of groups that have migrated to and within the United States throughout history."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline why each group moved. Circle one detail about what the group experienced during or after the move.

Why Families Moved

1. In the 1840s, a plant sickness ruined potato crops in Ireland. Many families had little to eat. They sailed across the ocean to the United States. In cities, some found jobs, but many lived in crowded homes.

2. In the early 1900s, many Black families left the South for northern cities. They wanted safer lives and better jobs. Some rode trains for a long way. Many found work, but they still faced unfair rules because of their skin color.

3. In the 1930s, dry weather and strong winds ruined farms on the Great Plains. Some families drove west to California to look for work. Many picked crops there. Some lived in crowded camps while they saved money.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did many families leave Ireland, and what was life like for some of them in U.S. cities?

2. Why did many Black families move north, and what did they face after moving?

3. Why did some Great Plains families move west, and what was life like for some of them in California?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two groups from the passage. In two sentences, tell how their reasons for moving were different and how one part of their experiences was alike or different.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline why each group moved. Circle one detail about what the group experienced during or after the move. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did many families leave Ireland, and what was life like for some of them in U.S. cities?	**Potato crops were ruined, so many families had little to eat. Some found jobs in U.S. cities, but many lived in crowded homes.**
2	Why did many Black families move north, and what did they face after moving?	**They wanted safer lives and better jobs. Many found work, but they still faced unfair rules because of their skin color.**
3	Why did some Great Plains families move west, and what was life like for some of them in California?	**Dry weather and strong winds ruined farms, so families looked for work. Many picked crops, and some lived in crowded camps.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Some families left Ireland because potato crops failed, while some Great Plains families left because dry weather and strong winds ruined farms. Many Irish families lived in crowded homes, while some Great Plains families lived in crowded camps.

Accept any two groups and any accurate comparison of both their reasons for moving and their experiences. The two sentences should use details from the passage.