Journeys to New Homes

Three groups and their moves through U.S. history

SS24.2.14a "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 In each paragraph, underline why the group moved and circle one detail about life after the move.

Why Families Moved

1. In the 1840s, a potato disease ruined crops in Ireland. Many Irish families crossed the ocean by ship to the United States to escape hunger. Some settled in New York City and worked on roads, but some people treated them unfairly.

2. In the 1900s, many Black families left the South for northern cities. They hoped for safer lives and better jobs. Some rode crowded trains. In cities like Chicago, families built new homes and communities, but they still faced unfair treatment.

3. In the 1930s, dry winds blew away soil on many farms in the Great Plains. Some farm families drove west to California to find work. They picked crops, but work could be hard to find and pay was low.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did many Irish families leave Ireland, and what was one part of their lives in the United States?

2. Why did many Black families move north, and what was one part of life in northern cities?

3. Why did some Great Plains farm families move west, and what was one challenge they faced there?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two groups from the passage. Write two sentences: tell one way their moves were alike and one way they were different.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline why the group moved and circle one detail about life 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 Irish families leave Ireland, and what was one part of their lives in the United States?	**They left to escape hunger after a potato disease ruined crops. Some worked on roads in New York City.**
2	Why did many Black families move north, and what was one part of life in northern cities?	**They hoped for safer lives and better jobs. They built new homes and communities, though they still faced unfair treatment.**
3	Why did some Great Plains farm families move west, and what was one challenge they faced there?	**They moved to find work after dry winds blew away farm soil. In California, work could be hard to find and pay was low.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Black families and Great Plains farm families both moved to find work. Some Black families rode trains north, but some farm families drove west.

Accept comparisons of any two groups when both the similarity and difference are supported by the passage.