# The Fascinating Rhythms of the People of New York: The Great Migration and the Harlem Renaissance

# • The Great Migration (1910-1940)

#### o Resources:

- In Motion: The African American Migration Experience "The Great Migration" http://www.inmotionaame.org/migrations/landing.cfm?migration=8
- "The African American Great Migration Reconsidered" by Sarah-Jane (Sage) Mathieu http://www.public.asu.edu/~nornradd/documents/OAH Mag.pdf

#### o Definition

- Movement of rural Southern Blacks to Northern cities
- Movement as a politicized response to political, economic and social conditions in the South.
- Northward migrations developed in stages. (Peter Gottlieb)
- Migrants not necessarily farmers; 1/2 from cities and towns
- Urbanization and nationalization of the African-American population
- Industrial Centers- New York, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia
- In 1910-7 out of 8 million African-Americans reside below the "Cotton Curtain"
- 1910 to 1970, Blacks living in South drops from 90% to 53%

#### Statistics

- Great Migration
  - World War I- 400,000 migrate
  - 1910-1940- 1.5 million migrate
  - Young men> send for families
  - 1910-1920- % of African Americans in northern cities rise! New York-66%, Chicago- 148%, Philadelphia-500%, Detroit- 611%,
  - http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=8&topic=10&id=8 006M&type=map
  - <a href="http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=8&topic=2&type=map&id=8\_003M\_bhcp=1">http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=8&topic=2&type=map&id=8\_003M\_bhcp=1</a>

## • "Movin On Up"- Push Factors (South)

- o Jim Crow
  - De jure segregation
  - Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) "separate but equal"
     http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories events plessy.html
  - PBS Documentary
    - http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=9&topic=10&id=9\_007M&type=map
  - Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Segregated South edited by William H. Chafe, Raymond Gavins, Robert Korstad
  - On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance (pgs. 15-19) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
  - Lack of educational opportunities in the South- 2,000,000 African Americans 10 years or older are illiterate- 33% of Black population (7% of whites)

#### Justice Denied

- Voting Restrictions- literacy tests, poll taxes
- No blacks on juries, testimony discounted
- Convict lease system- virtual slave labor force for railroad construction and coal mining *Slavery by Another Name* by Douglas A. Blackmon (book and film) <a href="http://www.slaverybyanothername.com/pbs-film/">http://www.slaverybyanothername.com/pbs-film/</a>

### o Terrorism

- Terror of mob violence
- Blacks have no vote, no protection, no legal recourse
- "Lynch Law in America" by Ida B. Wells in For the Record: A Documentary History of the United States edited by David E. Shi and Holly A. Mayer
- Resurgence of the Klan
- "The Klan's Fight for Americanism" by Hiram W. Evans in For the Record: A Documentary History of the United States edited by David E. Shi and Holly A. Mayer

- Lynching- 1889>1932- 3,700 reported lynchings, 85% in the South, direct impact on migration.
- http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/till/peopleevents/e\_lynch.html
- http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1888 "Bar Graph of Lynchings of African Americans, 1890-1929"
- http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1593 "The Reason"
- NAACP Efforts (Crisis Cartoon) http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=8&topic=2&id=465450&type=image
- Walter White- "The Burning of Jim McIlherron: An N.A.A.C.P. Investigation" from *The Crisis* (May 1918) by Walter F. White http://www.inmotionaame.org/migrations/topic.cfm?migration=8&topic=2

### Economic Changes

- Boll weevil infestations start 1898 in Texas > spreads east, plant food stuffs
- WW disruptions, Post-war international markets open
- http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5053 "Cotton Belt Blues"

## o Share Cropping

- White southerners control land, sources of credit, supplies, and final crop
- Black men and women provide labor
- Fraudulent accounting practices not able to be challenged
- Debt peonage
- Wages average at 75 cents/day
- On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance (pgs. 19-20) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- "The Great Migration: African Americans Searching for the Promised Land, 1916-1930" by Carole Marks http://www.inmotionaame.org/texts/viewer.cfm?id=8 000T&page=1

# • "Movin' On Up"- Pull Factors (North)

- Industrial Jobs!
  - World War I
    - Labor Shortage- immigration from Europe drops dramatically, enlistment of millions of American workers
    - Steel mills, packinghouses, automobile factories
  - Quota Laws 1921, 1924, 1929- Restricted immigration of labor from Southern and Eastern Europe
  - Workers Actively Recruited
    - Labor Agents for Rail lines (Erie, Pennsylvania and Illinois Central) and steel companies (Carnegie and Jones and Laughlin) By 1920 17% of all steel workers in Western Pa. are African American. Southern legislators impede agents' activities with fees or illegality.
    - Detroit Urban League worked as employment broker for Detroit Employers Association By 1930 14% of all auto workers in Detroit are African American
    - <a href="http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1597">http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1597</a> "Chicago's Urban League Offers Assistance to Southern Migrants"
  - Print Media- *Chicago Defender* advocate for migration, confiscated in the South, distributed by Pullman Porters http://www.inmotionaame.org/gallery/detail.cfm?migration=8&topic=3&id=465478&type=image
  - http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1596 "Help Wanted Advertisements in the Chicago Defender"
  - "Sir I Will Thank You with All My Heart" http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5332
  - Wages- \$25/week
  - "The Migration of Negroes" by W.E.B. DuBois http://www.inmotionaame.org/texts/viewer.cfm?id=8 008T&page=63

## Civil Rights

- Voting rights, majorities/pluralities
- Community organizations
- Little fear of violence
- Educational opportunities for children
- Transportation- The Importance of Railroads

## • Chain Migration

- Letters back home- read in church http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/letterwriting/lw07.html
  - "Don't Have to Mister Every Little White Boy . . ." Black Migrants Write Home http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5339
  - "We Thought State Street Would Be Heaven Itself": Black Migrants Speak Out http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5337
  - Black Protest and the Great Migration: A Brief History with Documents (pages 64-66) by Eric Arnesen
- Homecomings
- o Barbershops- gathering, networking, sharing the news
- Alabama > Detroit, Carolinas and Georgia > NYC, Mississippi > Chicago
- <a href="http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1887">http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1887</a> "Map of Migration Routes Followed by African Americans during the Great Migration"
- Young males send for families

## • Settlement "The New Canaan?"

- O Black Communities in Northern and Western Cities- Detroit (Black Bottom), Pittsburgh (Hill District), Chicago (South Side), Kansas City (18<sup>th</sup> and Vine), New York (Harlem)
- New York City- Harlem
  - Osofsky, Gilbert. 1971. *Harlem: the making of a ghetto; Negro New York, 1890-1930*. New York: Harper & Row.
    - Prior to WWI already "largest colony of colored people in similar limits in the world."
  - Harlem History (Arts and Culture, The Neighborhood, Politics) Essays, oral histories, pictures, videos, music, OH MY! <a href="http://c250.columbia.edu/c250">http://c250.columbia.edu/c250</a> celebrates/harlem history/
  - Then: 125<sup>th</sup> St. http://macaulay.cuny.edu/eportfolios/brooks12/then-125th-street/
  - Harlem Map and Hot Spots- http://www.longwharf.org/aint-misbehavin-hot-spots-harlem
  - "Harlem History" (pictorial essay) <a href="http://harlemworldmag.com/about/history/">http://harlemworldmag.com/about/history/</a>
  - Location:
    - North of Central Park centered between 130<sup>th</sup> and 145<sup>th</sup> Streets (Gates)
  - "Double-edged Legacy of Harlem"- (Rottenberg)
  - Identified by Race "Janus-faced" (Catherine Rottenberg) Dual modality Very Complex relationship with Harlem
    - promise and hope
    - despair
    - repulsed and attracted to Harlem
    - A racial enclave no exodus, race is paramount (Rottenberg)
      - A "color line" circumscribed and limited life for African Americans in America
      - o Nella Larsen's Helga Crane in *Quicksand and Passing* disgust feeling of "being shut up, boxed up, with hundreds of her race. . . these despised black folk."
    - African American cultural capital Harlem Renaissance often a romanticized version of Harlem
      - o Jazz Age
      - o Unprecedented creativity in literature and the arts
      - o Race pride, solidarity, possibility (Rottenberg)
      - African American social and political organizations NAACP The Crisis
      - Leaders: W.E.B. DuBois, James Weldon Johnson, Nella Larsen, Jessie Fauset, Marcus Garvey
    - "Overcrowded, poverty-ridden, racialized urban enclave" (Osofsky)
      - o Death rate 42% higher than the rest of the city
      - o Infant mortality rate 2X that of the white population
      - o Tuberculosis- 4X
      - Unemployment 50%
    - Today's Renaissance bridge myth and reality, fiction and fact
      - Tony Morrison- "loud voice and make that sound human," "avoiding missing the people altogether"
  - Impact of space on identity formation- social production of space, how space produced social subjects
    - How groups know, narrate, and experience themselves
    - How they are identified by others.
  - 1935 Harlem riots end the Renaissance

### Work and Mobility

o Job discrimination- menial jobs, no chance for advancement, wage disparity, trade unions discriminate

## Reception/Reaction Segregation and Discrimination in the North

## o Housing Discrimination

- Racially restrictive covenants, redlining, block-busting, steering, customs, legal deeds
- Housing market closed to blacks- landlords divide units, serious overcrowding, high rents, unsanitary conditions
- Black infant mortality rate 2x that of whites
- Post-World War II Federal Programs- HOLC, FHA, VA financing mandated residential segregation, segregated public housing programs
- "Selma of the North: The Fight for Open Housing in Milwaukee" by Patrick Jones in OAH *Magazine of History 26*, no. 1 (January 2012).

### Segregation of Public Education

• "Neighborhood schools", gerrymandered districts, special "Negro" or "colored" schools

#### Race Riots

### o East St. Louis-July 1917

- Causes
  - Fear of blacks being used as "scabs" or strikebreakers
  - 3,000 march on mayor's office, mob attacks African Americans, destroys property,
  - Indiscriminate gunfire in black neighborhood
  - Police officers mistaken for attackers and killed
  - National Guard and police do little to protect African Americans
- Actions
  - 40-150 killed
  - 6,000 flee the city
- Effects- The Silent March
  - NAACP sponsored
  - 10,000 march from Harlem to downtown Manhattan
  - Protest lack of government protection and the suppression of dissent
  - "Thousands March in Silent Protest" (Chicago *Defender*) in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 85-86) by Eric Arnesen
- Readings
  - http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/24297
  - "The Negro in the North" (New Orleans *Times-Picayune*) in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 78-80) by Eric Arnesen
  - "The Massacre of East St. Louis" (Crisis) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 80-85) by Eric Arnesen
  - "If We Must Die" (Messenger) in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 115-116) by Eric Arnesen

### o Red Summer- 1919

- Chicago, Washington, 24 other cities
- "The Rights of Black Men" (Washington Bee) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 166-168) by Eric Arnesen
- Chicago- July 1919
  - Causes
    - High temperatures
    - o Black children drift toward white beach, rocks thrown, 1 black child drowns
    - o Crowds gather
    - o Black arrested- accused of assaulting an officer
  - Actions
    - o South Side erupts in violence for several days
    - o 38 killed- 23 of them black
    - o 537 wounded
    - o 1,000 families homeless- mostly black
  - "Race Riots in Chicago" (Jackson, Mississippi Daily News) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 168-169) by Eric Arnesen

• "Chicago in the Nation's Race Strife" (The Survey) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 169-171) by Eric Arnesen

## o Tulsa- May 1921

- Causes
  - 19-year old black man accused of assault of white woman in an elevator
  - Tulsa Tribune prints false story
  - Mob of 2,000 surrounds jail with intention to lynch
  - African Americans rally to assist sheriff
- Actions
  - 75-300 African Americans killed
  - "Negro Wall St. of America" left unguarded
  - 1,000 black homes and businesses destroyed
- Effects
  - 2500 blacks leave Tulsa (1/2 black population)
  - Tulsa Race Riot Commission 1997
- "'The Eruption of Tulsa': An NAACP Investigation of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921" http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5119/
- "As Survivors Dwindle, Tulsa Confronts its Past" by A.G. Sulzberger in the New York *Times* http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/20/us/20tulsa.html?pagewanted=all& r=0
- http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5118 "Now Tulsa Does Care"

#### Resources

- http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1888 "Black Chicagoans Describe Their Great Migration Experience"
- o <a href="http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1633">http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1633</a> "A colored family in a one room light housekeeping apartment"
- o <a href="http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1598">http://herb.ashp.cuny.edu/items/show/1598</a> "Mahalia Jackson Remembers Chicago"
- Letters of Negro Migrants of 1916-1918

http://www.jstor.org/stable/2713780?seq=1#page scan tab contents

Black Migrants Write Home

http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5339

o Seven Letters from the Great Migration

http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5332

### Adjustment, Assistance Assimilation

- The African American Community
  - **Black Entrepreneurs** 
    - Community needs
    - Madame CJ Walker

#### o Journalism- Black Press

- The Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, The Afro-American, The California Eagle
- The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords (PBS documentary) http://www.pbs.org/blackpress/index.html
- The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America From the Age of the Pullman Porters to the Age of Obama by Ethan Michaeli

#### Baseball- The Negro Leagues

- "Shadowball" (Ken Burns Baseball)
- The Negro Leagues: 40 Years of Black Professional Baseball in Words and Pictures by David Craft
- "The Negro Leagues and the Contradictions of Social Darwinism" and "We're American Too: The Negro Leagues and the Philosophy of Resistance" in Baseball and Philosophy: Thinking Outside the Batter's Box edited by Eric Bronson
- "Unreconciled Strivings: Baseball in Jim Crow America" in Past Time: Baseball as History by Jules Tygiel
- Sandlot Seasons: Sport in Black Pittsburgh by Rob Buck
- The Power and the Darkness: The Life of Josh Gibson in the Shadows of the Game by Mark Ribowsky
- I Was Right on Time by Buck O'Neil
- Satchel Paige's America by William Price Fox
- Don't Look Back: Satchel Paige in the Shadows of Baseball by Mark Ribowsky

#### Music (Influences on Gershwin)

- James Reese Europe and the Castles "On Patrol in No Man's Land" and "Russian Rag"
- Dance Bands
  - Casa Loma Orchestra "Happy Days are Here Again"
  - McKinney Cotton pickers "I Want the Little Girl"
  - Jean Goldkette "I'm Looking Over a 4 Leaf Clover"
  - W.C. Handy ("St. Louis Blues" or "Memphis Blues")
- Stride Pianists (Bio and tract for each pianist)
  - Eubie Blake- "Charleston Rag" and "Shuffle Along" (with Noble Sissle) http://www.nypl.org/blog/2012/02/10/musical-month-shuffle-along
  - Luckey Roberts- "Junk Man Rag"
  - James P. Johnson- "Carolina Shout"
  - Willie "The Lion" Smith- "Echoes of Spring"

# • Great Migration Politics: Competing Voices

- **OVER SECOND SEC** 
  - Booker T. Washington's policies established in Atlanta Compromise Speech http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/39
  - The Souls of Black Folk- Critique of Booker T. Washington http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/40
  - Niagara Movement
    - "Declaration of Principles" in *For the Record: A Documentary History of America* edited by David E. Shi and Holly A. Mayer
  - DuBois on Garvey <a href="http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5121">http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5121</a>
  - Talented Tenth
  - NAACP- equal rights for Blacks, anti-lynching campaign
  - "Close Ranks" in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pg. 89) by Eric Arnesen
  - The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pgs.740-741) edited by David Levering Lewis
  - Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance (pgs. 75-76)

## o Marcus Garvey and the UNIA- The Negro World

- Doc. 5 in Protest Nation edited by Timothy Patrick McCarthy and John McMillian
- "If You Believe the Negro Has a Soul" <a href="http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5124">http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5124</a>
- "Declaration of the Rights of the Negro People of the World" http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5122
- "What We Believe" and "The Principles of the Universal Negro Improvement Association" in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 107-113) by Eric Arensen
- The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pgs.26-28) edited by David Levering Lewis
- The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pgs.743-744) edited by David Levering Lewis
- Black economic and political power
- Separatism
- Pan-African
- Black is beautiful
- "A mighty race"

## o A. Philip Randolph and Chandler Owen - The Messenger

- Doc. 2 in The Harlem Renaissance: A Brief History with Documents by Jeffrey Ferguson
- "Migration and Political Power" in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 106-107) by Eric Arnesen
- "New Leadership for the Negro" in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 113-114) by Eric Arnesen
- "Following the Advice of the 'Old Crowd' Negro" and "The 'New Crowd Negro' Making America Safe for Himself" (political cartoons) in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* (pgs. 21-22) by Eric Arnesen
- The Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance (pg. 216)
- Black socialism
- Collective ownership of factories
- Working-class unity
- Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (1925)

## Black Women's Groups

- National Association of Colored Women "Campaign for Women Nearing Its Close" (New York Age) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 124-125) by Eric Arnesen
- Colored Federated Clubs of Augusta "Letter to President Woodrow Wilson" in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 123-124) by Eric Arnesen

### Readings

- "The New Negro" by Geroid Robinson in *Black Protest and the Great Migration* by Eric Arnesen
- On the Shoulders of Giants (pgs. 67-73) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

## • The Emergence of the New Negro

- Definition
  - Based in Northern Cities
  - Full social and political equality, black life, black voices, Africa

#### Reasons

- Great Migration- most important
- Silent March- "Thousands March in Silent Protest" (Chicago Defender) in Black Protest and the Great Migration (pgs. 85-86) by Eric Arnesen
- World War I- "Make America Safe for Democracy, too!"
  - 380,000 African Americans served, 42,000 see combat
  - Harlem's 369<sup>th</sup> Regiment Band led by James Reese Europe
  - "Returning Soldiers"- W.E.B. DuBois (Doc. 1 in *The Harlem Renaissance: A Brief History with Documents* by Jeffrey B. Ferguson)
  - On the Shoulders of Giants (pgs. 20-23) by Kareem Adbul-Jabbar
- Harlem "Mecca of the New Negro" or "Race Capital"?
  - Center for civil rights, newspapers, blacks from all over the world,
  - NYC- theatre, publishing intellectual

## Reading

• On the Shoulders of Giants (pgs. 23-26) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

## o Alain Locke- The New Negro

- "...the new spirit is awake in the masses"
- Survey Graphic, Doc. 11 in Harlem Renaissance: A Brief History in Documents by Jeffrey B. Ferguson
- Doc. 133 in *Voices of Freedom* edited by Eric Foner
- On the Shoulders of Giants (pgs. 80-86) by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

### The Harlem Renaissance

- Definition
  - Unprecedented deluge of artistic endeavors
  - Plays, novels, poetry, prose, music, visual arts

#### The Role of the Artist

- Art as Propaganda- DuBois
- "The Negro Artist and the Racial Mountain" by Langston Hughes in *We Are the People* (pgs. 275-281) edited by Nathaniel May and Clint Willis
- Paul Robson, "My Answer" in Protest Nation (pgs. 41-49) edited by Timothy Patrick McCarthy and John McMillian

## o Literature

- Civic Club dinner- March 21, 1924
  - Prominent writers and publishers assembled with the new generation of black writers
- Sterling Brown's Five Major Literary Themes
  - Africa as a source of race pride
  - Black American heroes
  - Racial political propaganda
  - · Black folk tradition
  - Candid self-revelation
- Readings
  - "Writers on the Storm: The Great Eight" in On the Shoulders of Giants by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
  - Harlem Renaissance Reader edited by David Levering Lewis
- Magazines- The Crisis, Opportunity, Survey Graphic
- Writers
  - Carter G. Woodson- The Negro in Our History, Journal of Negro History, The American Revelation: Ten Ideals That Shaped Our Country From the Puritans to the Cold War (pgs. 162-181) by Neil Baldwin
  - James Weldon Johnson- The Autobiography of an ExColored Man (1912)
  - Jessie Redmon Faust- There is Confusion (1924), Crisis editor

- Claude McKay- Harlem Shadows (1922), Home to Harlem (1928)
- The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pgs.290, 752-753) edited by David Levering Lewis
- Zora Neale Hurston- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937)
- Nathan Eugene (Jean) Toomer- Cane (1923)
- Wallace Thurman- Fire!
- Countee Cullen- poetry in the Crisis, Opportunity, Harper's, Century, American Mercury, BookMan
- Langston Hughes- The Weary Blues (1926), Fine Clothes to the Jew (1927), The Big Sea (1940), I Wonder as I Wander (1956)
  - o The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pgs.744-746) edited by David Levering Lewis
  - o The Harlem Renaissance Reader (pg. 260) edited by David Levering Lewis

#### Visual Art

- Aaron Douglas
  - Song of the Towers
  - http://exhibitions.nypl.org/treasures/items/show/170
  - "Black in America, Painted Euphoric and Heroic" http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/12/arts/design/12doug.html?\_r=0
  - http://www.aarondouglas.ku.edu/exhibition/brochure.pdf
  - "Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist: The Exhibition, the Artist, and His Legacy" by Stephanie Fox Knappe https://journals.ku.edu/index.php/amerstud/article/download/.../3760
- Jacob Lawrence
  - One Way Ticket- Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series at the Museum of Modern Art <a href="http://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/2015/onewayticket/">http://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/2015/onewayticket/</a>
  - Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, a Young Artist in Harlem by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts (ages 4-8)
  - Jacob Lawrence: The Migration Series by Leah Dickerman and Elsa Smithgall
- o **Resource** "The Harlem Renaissance" Teacher's Guide *and* Primary Source Set! <a href="http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/harlem-renaissance/pdf/teacher\_guide.pdf">http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/harlem-renaissance/pdf/teacher\_guide.pdf</a>
- o Historical Essay

"The African American Great Migration Reconsidered" by Sarah-Jane (Saje) Mathieu <a href="http://www.public.asu.edu/~nornradd/documents/OAH">http://www.public.asu.edu/~nornradd/documents/OAH</a> Mag.pdf

Migrant Memoirs

Becoming Americans: Four Centuries of Immigrant Writing edited by Ilan Stavans
From Harlem Shadows by Claude McKay pp. 205-206
The Portable Harlem Renaissance Reader edited by David Levering Lewis
From Black Manhattan by James Weldon Johnson pp.34-45
The Harlem Renaissance: A Brief History with Documents edited by Jeffrey B. Ferguson

From Black Manhattan by James Weldon Johnson pp. 46-55
From Harlem by Alain Locke pp. 76-82

## Literature Activity- Analyzing the Harlem Renaissance Poets

Paul Lawrence Dunbar- "We Wear the Mask" Langston Hughes- "I Too" (compare with Whitman's "I Hear America Singing")

# **Student Poetry Project**

"Young Refugee Poets Turn to Food for Inspiration"
<a href="http://hereandnow.wbur.org/2016/01/04/tukwila-refugees-poetry">http://hereandnow.wbur.org/2016/01/04/tukwila-refugees-poetry</a>
"Immigrants in Our Own Land" http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/179708