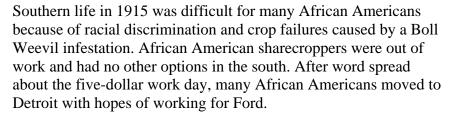
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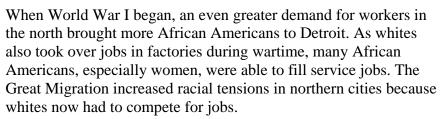




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² Group of Florida migrants on their way to Cranberry, New Jersey. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection, [LC-USF34-040820-D]

Florida migrant bringing her luggage out. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection, [LC-USZ62-130309]

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- 4. How were black migrants treated in the North?

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In the image shown above, two Florida migrants study a road map before traveling from North Carolina to Delaware.





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Often, migrants could only bring with them what they could pack in their car. This family has tied their belongings to the outside of their car and are ready to begin their new life in the north.







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This woman has gathered the last of her belongings before moving north. Many times migrants could only take clothes and a few household items because they could not transport furniture and other large items.



