

Disenfranchisement and Jim Crow Resources for Elementary Teachers

Elementary Print:

- Cooper, Floyd. *Coming Home: From the Life of Langston Hughes*. New York: Philomel Books, 1994. Langston Hughes comes to life in a book for poets, dreamers, children and adults--anyone who has ever thought of what home means to them.
- Greenfield, Eloise. *Mary McLeod Bethune*. Illus. Jerry Pinkney. New York: Thomas Crowell, 1977. Greenfield documents a black woman's concern for her education and others. Bethune is founder of Bethune-Cookman College.
- Hoobler, Dorothy, Thomas Hoobler, and Rob Sauber. *Florence Robinson: The Story of a Jazz Age Girl*. Illus. Robert Sauber. New York: Silver Burdett, 1997. Unable to endure the discrimination in his small Mississippi town when he returns home from serving in France during World War I, Flo's father moves the family to Chicago, where jazz symbolizes the freedom he hopes they will find.
- Lawrence, Jacob, Illus. *The Great Migration: An American Story*. New York: Harper Collins, 1993. A pictorial history in narrative paintings tells the story of the journey of African Americans who left their homes in the South around the time of World War I and traveled in search of work and better lives in the northern industrial cities. Brief explanatory text presents Lawrence as a storyteller with words as well as pictures.
- McKissack, Patricia C. *Ma Dear's Aprons*. Illus. Floyd Cooper. New York: Athenum, 1997. Follow David Earl through the week as he shares life with his mother in the South circa 1900.
- Miller, William. *Richard Wright and the Library Card*. New York: Lew & Low, 1997. Wright, an accomplished African American author, grew up in the segregated South of the 1920's. This recounts how he read old newspapers and books from trash cans before he succeeded in gaining his own library card.
- Schubert, Frank N. *Buffalo Soldiers and the Medal of Honor, 1870-1898*. New York: People's Publishing Group, 1997. The collected biographies of the Buffalo Soldiers who were presented with the Medal of Honor.
- Tillage, Leon Walter. *Leon's Story*. Illus. Susan L. Roth. New York: Farrar, 1997. Leon tells it "like it was" to be a young black boy growing up in North Carolina in the 1930's.
- Wright, Richard A. *Native Son*. New York: Harperperennial, 1993. Originally published in 1940, the novel addresses the issue of what it means to live in a multi-racial society in which power splits among racial lines.

Elementary Media:

- *By River, By Rail*. 30 minute video. Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, nd. A number of leaders recount the story of the 20th century migration of African Americans from the South to the North.
- *Charles Drew*. 30 minute video. Atlanta, GA: History on Video, 1995. This documentary chronicles the life of an African-American physician who discovered a method for preserving the plasma portion of blood for use in transfusions.
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. 26 minutes video. Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 1992. Set in the Depression era, the video is based on the book by Mildred D. Taylor about a family's struggles and triumphs.
- *Souder*. 105 minute video. Hollywood, CA: Paramount, 1996. *Souder*, based on the novel by William Armstrong, is the heartwarming story of a black sharecropper family in Louisiana during the Depression.