**The Exodusters**

First, review each of the sources, then answer the following questions based on the sources.

1. What are the reasons people decided to leave the South? What were the pull factors driving people to the West?

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1. In what ways did the St. Louis community support the Exodusters? Why do you think it was important to members of that community to help the Exodusters?

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1. What do the sources reveal about how people traveled from the South to Kansas?

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1. Benjamin Singleton call himself “the father of the exodus.” How did Singleton’s work to organize migration to Kansas provide a model and inspiration for the exodus?

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1. According to the Singleton’s statement (SOURCE I), why did he choose Kansas as a destination? What were the conditions like for the migrants? Were they being successful? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Compare the depictions of “old” and “new” styles of Exodus in the illustration from Harper’s Weekly (SOURCE G). How do they represent different travel experiences? What challenges or obstacles are evident in the depiction of the “new” style of Exodus?

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1. Using the map of Exoduster towns (SOURCE E), examine the locations of black communities in Kansas and Oklahoma. Considering factors like climate, neighboring populations, and topography, what experiences and challenges do you think may have been common across these communities? In what ways might life in Kansas and Oklahoma towns have been different?

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1. What problems might settlers from Kentucky have faced as they tried to homestead and create a profitable farm in north-central Kansas?

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1. Why do you think that the Exodusters who moved west had mixed feelings about their new location?

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1. What questions do you have about the Exodusters?

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