

## It's a Long Way from Home

High School: Grades 9-12

## Vocabulary

**Great Migration** the term that describes the 1916–70 migration of thousands of

African Americans who moved from the southern states seeking a

better life in northern cities

jazz an ever-changing and evolving form of music, at times

improvisational, that originated in the United States and was heavily

influenced by African Americans

**sharecropping** a system of agriculture that emerged in the South after the Civil

War and the end of slavery, in which a tenant farmer does not own the land he cultivates and so must pay the landowner a share of the crops he produces as rent and to cover other expenses including

equipment and seed

## Jazz Age slang words and phrases

snap my cap get mad

**split** to leave

**break it down** go to town

hand me that skin shake hands

lay down some hot licks a good phrase or solo played in a jazz composition

**lid** hat

**giggle-water** an alcoholic drink, especially whiskey or gin

black and tan club a nightclub that catered to both black and white patrons