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## UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Thursday, August 18, 2016 — 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., only

### RATING GUIDE FOR PART III A AND PART III B (DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION)

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#### Contents of the Rating Guide

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- A question-specific rubric

For **Part III B** (DBQ) essay:

- A content-specific rubric
- Prescored answer papers. Score levels 5 and 1 have two papers each, and score levels 4, 3, and 2 have three papers each. They are ordered by score level from high to low.
- Commentary explaining the specific score awarded to each paper
- Five prescored practice papers

General:

- Test Specifications
- Web addresses for the test-specific conversion chart and teacher evaluation forms

#### Mechanics of Rating

The procedures on page 2 are to be used in rating papers for this examination. More detailed directions for the organization of the rating process and procedures for rating the examination are included in the *Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examinations in Global History and Geography and United States History and Government*.

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### Rating the Essay Question

- (1) Follow your school's procedures for training raters. This process should include:

*Introduction to the task—*

- Raters read the task
- Raters identify the answers to the task
- Raters discuss possible answers and summarize expectations for student responses

*Introduction to the rubric and anchor papers—*

- Trainer leads review of specific rubric with reference to the task
- Trainer reviews procedures for assigning holistic scores, i.e., by matching evidence from the response to the rubric
- Trainer leads review of each anchor paper and commentary

*Practice scoring individually—*

- Raters score a set of five papers independently without looking at the scores and commentaries provided
- Trainer records scores and leads discussion until the raters feel confident enough to move on to actual rating

- (2) When actual rating begins, each rater should record his or her individual rating for a student's essay on the rating sheet provided, *not* directly on the student's essay or answer sheet. The rater should *not* correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind.
- (3) Each essay must be rated by at least two raters; a third rater will be necessary to resolve scores that differ by more than one point.

### Rating the Scaffold (open-ended) Questions

- (1) Follow a similar procedure for training raters.
- (2) The scaffold questions are to be scored by one rater.
- (3) The scores for each scaffold question must be recorded in the student's examination booklet and on the student's answer sheet. The letter identifying the rater must also be recorded on the answer sheet.
- (4) Record the total Part III A score if the space is provided on the student's Part I answer sheet.

**Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions (scaffold questions, thematic essay, DBQ essay) on this exam after each question has been rated the required number of times as specified in the rating guides, regardless of the final exam score. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately. Teachers may not score their own students' answer papers.**

The scoring coordinator will be responsible for organizing the movement of papers, calculating a final score for each student's essay, recording that score on the student's Part I answer sheet, and determining the student's final examination score. The conversion chart for this examination is located at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/> and must be used for determining the final examination score.

**United States History and Government**  
**Part A Specific Rubric**  
**Document-Based Question**  
**August 2016**

**Document 1a**

This 1869 poster advertised the different ways people could acquire land in Nebraska.

c/1869

**Nebraska,**  
**The Garden of the West.**

**50 MILLION ACRES**  
 OF  
**GRAIN & GRAZING LAND,**  
Offered to actual settlers only, for \$1.25 per acre outside of Railroad Land Grant Limits; or \$2.50 per acre inside of such limits, under the pre-emption law, or a

**Homestead**  
Of 80 acres inside of Railroad limits, and of 160 acres outside, for \$18.00 all told.

**A SOLDIER**  
Of 1861 can have 160 inside of Railroad lines, for \$22.00, all fees included. Pre-emptors must reside upon and cultivate the land six months to get a Deed from the United States. Homesteaders must reside upon and cultivate the land five years to get a Deed from the United States.

**SIX MILLION**  
Acres Railroad land, \$2.50 to \$10.00 per acre, cash, or on long credit and low interest.  
**IMPROVED FARMS** nearly none in market.  
N.B. Nobody wishes to leave Nebraska's rich plains, limpid waters, bright skies and vital air.

COMMISSIONERS OF IMMIGRATION.  
E. W. HOHMANN, Pres., Lincoln, Neb.  
 I. N. TAYLOR, Sec., Columbus, Neb.  
 C. F. WALTHER, Arago, Neb.  
 J. RATH, Danish Consul, Omaha  
 J.W. PEARMAN, Nebraska City.

For particulars address J. H. NOTEWARE, State Sup't of Immigration, Omaha, Neb.

**LANDS for the LANDLESS!**

**Homes for the Homeless!**

Millions of Acres almost donated to the brave Pioneers of the World by the generous government of America.

**SOLDIERS**

Of the war of 1861, come forward and take your Homesteads near some Railroad in

**NEBRASKA.**

Source: The Digital Scriptorium, Duke University Libraries (adapted)

**1a** Based on this poster, state *one* reason people might choose to move west to Nebraska in 1869.

**Score of 1:**

- States a reason people might choose to move west to Nebraska in 1869 based on this poster  
*Examples:* Nebraska is the garden of the West; there are 50 million acres of grain and grazing land; land is being offered at a low price; land near the railroad lines is available; it would provide homesteads for landless people; people could get a homestead/land for a small amount of money; homesteads could be had for \$18 all told; land is being offered on long credit/low interest; Nebraska has rich plains/limpid waters/bright skies/vital air; soldiers of the war of 1861 can get land near railroad lines for a low price/\$22 with all fees included; soldiers can get homesteads near some railroads; preemptors would get a deed from the United States after six months residence and cultivation of land; homesteaders would get a deed from the United States if they resided on and cultivated land for five years; Nebraska offered homes for the homeless; Nebraska offered lands for the landless

**Score of 0:**

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* there is not much land in the West left for settlers; lots of improved farms available; land is expensive; railroad land is free; there are 80 million acres of grain and grazing land; there was a state superintendent of immigration; there was a war in 1861
- Vague response  
*Examples:* no commissioners of immigration; preemptors must reside; lands donated; generous government
- No response

## Document 1b

The rich romantic place names of the big rolling land beyond the Mississippi echoed across the eastern United States. Broadsides [posters] in all the languages of Europe made the strange Indian names of the faraway country familiar to emigrants long before they reached New York en route to the free lands extending to the “shining mountains” and the Pacific. The slow march of settlement which had followed the Homestead Act of 1862 turned into a stampede during the 1870s and 1880s...

The new settlers used different words to explain why they moved west, but beyond all their words was the old American vision of a better life beyond the far horizon. “We wanted to come to a new country,” said Susan Frances Lomax, “so our children could grow up with the country. We were living on a good farm [in Mississippi]. My husband said he would live ten years longer by coming to a new country. You hardly ever saw a gray headed man. I did not want to come to Texas at all; I dreaded the Indians in those days.... It was a hard time on weman [women]; they staid [stayed] at home and did the work while the men were on their ponies hunting or looking after stock.”...

Source: Dee Brown, *The American West*, Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1994

### 1b According to Dee Brown, what was *one* reason settlers moved west of the Mississippi River during the 1870s and 1880s?

#### Score of 1:

- States a reason settlers moved west of the Mississippi River during the 1870s and 1880s according to Dee Brown  
*Examples:* to get free land; broadsides/posters that promoted the land west of the Mississippi to emigrants; European broadsides that advertised land in all the languages of Europe; posters that advertised free lands extending to the “shining mountains” and the Pacific; Easterners/Europeans were attracted to the rich romantic place names of the big rolling land beyond the Mississippi; the Homestead Act of 1862 encouraged settlement; people wanted a better life for themselves/their children; some thought they would live longer in the new territory; they wanted to go to a new country so their children could grow up with the country

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* they were afraid of Native American Indians; women would have easier jobs; posters discouraged emigrants
- Vague response  
*Examples:* names were familiar; different words were used; it echoed across eastern United States; there was a stampede
- No response

## Document 2

...During the second half of the nineteenth century the direction of American expansion shifted from the countryside to the city. The West was popularly known as the land of wide-open spaces, but by the 1890s the typical westerner lived in an urban oasis like Omaha, Denver, or San Francisco. The American West included the fastest-growing cities in the nation, and by 1890 had become more heavily urban than any other region except the Northeast. When we think of the astounding growth of nineteenth-century American cities, most of us think of the flood of immigration from abroad; yet the single most important source of the expanding population of western cities came from the countryside. With the expansion of the commercial economy, farming and ranching became a significantly more capital-intensive [costly] business. After the Civil War a western settler needed an average of a thousand dollars to purchase land, the equipment necessary to work it, and the transportation to get the family there. Although railroads and land speculators continued to promote the West as a safety valve for the urban working class, as the “free range” disappeared and the number of tenant farmers and hired hands grew larger, it is more accurate to say that it was the cities that provided the safety valve for *rural discontent*. As one historian has put it, for every industrial worker who became a farmer, twenty farm boys moved to the city....

Source: Geoffrey C. Ward, *The West: An Illustrated History*, Little, Brown and Company, 1996

### 2 According to Geoffrey C. Ward, what was *one* way migration affected the American West?

#### Score of 1:

- States a way migration affected the American West according to Geoffrey C. Ward  
*Examples:* expansion shifted from the countryside to the cities in the West; the fastest growing cities in the nation were in the West; the West had become more heavily urban than any other region except the Northeast; the expanding population of western cities came from the countryside; as farming and ranching became more capital intensive/costly, farmers and ranchers moved to the western cities; western cities expanded as farmers and ranchers moved to the cities; railroads and land speculators promoted the West as a safety valve for the urban working class; western cities provided the safety valve for western rural discontent; by the 1890s, the typical westerner lived in an urban oasis like Omaha/Denver/San Francisco; western cities grew; migration led to the disappearance of the free range; migration contributed to the growth of the number of tenant farmers/hired hands; farm boys moved to the city

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* most of the expanding population of western cities came from immigration; in the West, expansion shifted from city to countryside; fastest growing cities were in the Northeast; West was known as the land of wide-open spaces
- Vague response  
*Examples:* people moved; direction shifted; urban oasis
- No response

### Document 3

...As settlers migrated westward [after the Civil War], federal troops systematically subdued Native American tribes and by successive treaties required that they reside on reservations isolated from American settlers. Eastern tribes were [earlier] forced to resettle west of the Mississippi by legal chicanery [trickery] and military force. The Cherokees of Georgia, for instance, were forcibly removed in 1837 and 1838, in a migration known as the “Trail of Tears.” The post–Civil War years saw continued pressure on Native Americans, this time in the plains and mountain states. Despite armed resistance, Native Americans found themselves increasingly relegated [removed] to reservations on the least desirable western lands....

Source: Thomas Dublin, “Internal Migration,” in Foner and Garraty, eds., *The Reader’s Companion to American History*, Houghton Mifflin, 1991

### 3 According to Thomas Dublin, what was *one* effect of the westward migration of settlers on Native American Indians?

#### Score of 1:

- States an effect of the westward migration of settlers on Native American Indians according to Thomas Dublin  
*Examples:* federal troops systematically subdued Native American Indian tribes; treaties required that Native American Indians live on reservations isolated from American settlers; eastern tribes had been forced to settle west of the Mississippi; Cherokees had been forcibly removed west on the Trail of Tears; Native American Indians used armed resistance to defend their lands; they were increasingly relegated to reservations on the least desirable western lands; Native American Indians were forced onto reservations; use of military force on them; they engaged in armed resistance; post–Civil War years saw continued pressure on Native American Indians; they lost land due to legal chicanery/military force

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* federal troops were systematically subdued; Native American Indians were forced off reservations; they were given the best western lands; Cherokees lived in Georgia; it was known as the Trail of Tears; it happened in 1837 and 1838
- Vague response  
*Examples:* required treaties; it happened in the post–Civil War years; it was in the plains and mountain states; legal chicanery/trickery
- No response

## Document 4a

This Langston Hughes poem, written in 1949, is about the migration of African Americans during the first half of the 20th century.

### One-Way Ticket

I pick up my life  
And take it with me  
And I put it down in  
Chicago, Detroit,  
Buffalo, Scranton,  
Any place that is  
North and East—  
And not Dixie.

I pick up my life  
And take it on the train  
To Los Angeles, Bakersfield,  
Seattle, Oakland, Salt Lake,  
Any place that is  
North and West—  
And not South.

I am fed up  
With Jim Crow laws,  
People who are cruel  
And afraid,  
Who lynch and run,  
Who are scared of me  
And me of them.

I pick up my life  
And take it away  
On a one-way ticket—  
Gone up North,  
Gone out West,  
Gone!

Source: Langston Hughes, in Rampersad and Roessel, eds., *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes*, Vintage Classics

## Document 4b

...From the early years of the twentieth century to well past its middle age, nearly every black family in the American South, which meant nearly every black family in America, had a decision to make. There were sharecroppers losing at settlement. Typists wanting to work in an office. Yard boys scared that a single gesture near the planter's wife could leave them hanging from an oak tree. They were all stuck in a caste system as hard and unyielding as the red Georgia clay, and they each had a decision before them. In this, they were not unlike anyone who ever longed to cross the Atlantic or the Rio Grande.

It was during the First World War that a silent pilgrimage took its first steps within the borders of this country. The fever rose without warning or notice or much in the way of understanding by those outside its reach. It would not end until the 1970s and would set into motion changes in the North and South that no one, not even the people doing the leaving, could have imagined at the start of it or dreamed would take nearly a lifetime to play out....

Source: Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, Random House, 2010

### 4 Based on these documents, state *two* reasons for the migration of African Americans to the North and the West.

#### Score of 2 or 1:

- Award 1 credit (up to a maximum of 2 credits) for each *different* reason for the migration of African Americans to the North and the West based on these documents

*Examples:* to start a better life away from Dixie/the South; Jim Crow laws; lynching; sharecropping; sharecroppers were losing at settlement; work was available/typists wanted to work in an office; the cruelty of some people in the South; they were stuck in a caste system/stuck in an unyielding system in the South; fear/feared that a single gesture could leave them hanging from an oak tree; to escape segregation/discrimination; for new opportunities; the First World War

**Note:** To receive maximum credit, two *different* reasons for the migration of African Americans to the North and the West must be stated. For example, *work was available* and *typists wanted to work in an office* are the same effect expressed in different words. In this and similar cases, award only *one* credit for this question.

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* to make a pilgrimage; to follow Jim Crow laws; to move to Dixie; to cross the Atlantic; it would take nearly a lifetime
- Vague response  
*Examples:* there were one-way tickets; make changes; they had a decision to make; to take a train to Los Angeles/Bakersfield/Seattle/Oakland/Salt Lake
- No response

## Document 5

...During World War I and in the years just after, a new racial climate began to emerge. Blacks [African Americans] seemed more willing to express their opposition to racial oppression and to act against it. One reason was that the Great Migration increased the number of blacks in the North and West, where they were free to protest and to vote. Changes in employment also had an impact. In their traditional service jobs (servants, waiters, barbers), blacks served individual whites on a personal basis and therefore could not escape close white supervision. But now blacks were moving into factories with thousands of workers, where their relationship to white employers was much less personal. Under these conditions, blacks may have felt less controlled and freer to express themselves. Similarly, as black neighborhoods grew into ghettos, blacks had less contact with whites. For all the evils of the ghettos, they did create an environment in which black pride and self-expression could emerge. Also, many returning black soldiers were ready to claim their rights after having fought in what had supposedly been, after all, a war to make the world safe for democracy....

Source: Michael L. Levine, *African Americans and Civil Rights: From 1619 to the Present*, Oryx Press, 1996

### 5 According to Michael Levine, what was *one* effect of the Great Migration on African Americans?

#### Score of 1:

- States an effect of the Great Migration on African Americans according to Michael Levine  
*Examples:* African Americans seemed more willing to express their opposition to racial oppression/to act against racial oppression; it increased the number of blacks in the North/West; African Americans were free to protest in the North/West *or* free to vote in the North/West; it led to a change in their type of employment; blacks took jobs in factories; their relationship to white employers in factories was less personal; African Americans felt less controlled by white supervisors; African Americans felt freer to express themselves; black neighborhoods/ghettos created an environment where black pride *or* self-expression could emerge; returning black soldiers were ready to claim their rights after fighting for democracy; blacks who lived in black neighborhoods/ghettos had less contact with whites; a new racial climate

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* they went north for traditional service jobs; it decreased the number of African Americans in the West; African Americans felt more controlled by supervisors
- Vague response  
*Examples:* a new climate; there were changes; it made the world safe for democracy; increased the number of African Americans
- No response



## Document 6

The [Great] migration of a million and a half African Americans from the South to the North between 1915 and 1930 initiated a new era in black—and American—political life. Once overwhelmingly southern, the African-American population would become national; once overwhelmingly rural and agricultural, it would become urban and industrial; once overwhelmingly subject to formal and informal repression, coercion, and exclusion, it would find precious new space for civic and political activism. The results would be seen not simply in the extension and reconstitution [rebuilding] of black communities, but also in the changing social and political face of the country as a whole. Many of the landmark political developments of twentieth-century America—electoral realignments, the New Deal, industrial unionism, the Great Society, and, of course, the battle for civil rights—would be difficult to imagine outside of this massive demographic shift that then continued, and accelerated, over the next three decades...

Source: Steven Hahn, "Epilogue: 'Up, You Mighty Race,'" *A Nation Under Our Feet*, Belknap Press, 2003

### 6 According to Steven Hahn, what was *one* effect of the Great Migration on the United States?

#### Score of 1:

- States an effect of the Great Migration on the United States according to Steven Hahn  
*Examples:* a million and a half African Americans migrated from the South to the North/there was a massive demographic shift from the South to the North between 1915 and 1930; the African American population became more national/urban/industrial; African Americans found more opportunities for civic/political activism; it contributed to landmark political developments; it contributed to electoral realignments; it contributed to the New Deal; it contributed to industrial unionism; it contributed to the Great Society; it contributed to the battle for civil rights; black communities were extended/reconstituted/rebuilt; it initiated a new era in black and American political life; there was a demographic shift; it accelerated change

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* African American population became overwhelmingly rural/became agricultural; more people moved to the South; black communities disappeared
- Vague response  
*Examples:* it was a landmark; people moved; shift accelerated; it took three decades; a reconstitution
- No response

**Growth of the Sun Belt**

...The trend became crystal clear in the next decade [the 1970s] when the South surpassed the West as a leading migration destination. People moving into the region outnumbered those leaving by 3.5 million during the 1970s, by 3 million in the 1980s, and by more than 2 million in the 1990s. Mostly they were coming from the same northern states that for half a century had been the prime destination for departing southerners. The Mid-Atlantic states suffered an actual population decline in the 1970s, as out-migrants exceeded in-migrants by almost 2 million. The East North Central states [IN, IL, MI, OH, WI] lost 1.3 million more people than they received through migration.

The turnaround seemed more abrupt than in fact it was. The South had been attracting people in growing numbers since World War II, and throughout the second phase of the exodus something of an exchange had been going on between North and South. Mostly blue-collar southerners had been going north, and mostly white-collar northerners had been coming south. The fast-developing economy of the postwar South had been the key. The building of new industries, military facilities, educational institutions, transportation systems, and urban infrastructure had attracted the services of engineers, managers, professors, technicians, and others with high-end skills. Equally important, the region had been attracting capital. Fortune 500 companies had been opening offices and branch plants and sometimes moving whole operations to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, which were the key growth nodes [centers] of the new South....

Source: James N. Gregory, *The Southern Diaspora*, The University of North Carolina Press, 2005

**7 According to James N. Gregory, what is *one* reason people moved to the Sun Belt after World War II?**

**Score of 1:**

- States a reason people moved to the Sun Belt after World War II according to James N. Gregory  
*Examples:* jobs; the postwar South had a fast-developing economy; the South was building new industries/military facilities/educational institutions/transportation systems/urban infrastructure; engineers/managers/professors/technicians were attracted to jobs in the South; jobs in the South were attracting people with high-end skills; the South was attracting capital; Fortune 500 companies were opening offices/branch plants; companies were sometimes moving whole operations to the South; Florida/Georgia/North Carolina/Texas/Virginia had become key growth nodes that attracted northerners; key growth nodes in the South attracted northerners; white collar northerners went to the South for jobs

**Score of 0:**

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* people moving into the region outnumbered those leaving by 3.5 million during the 1970s; most people were coming from the western states; the South had more blue-collar jobs than the North; an exchange had been going on between the North and the South; they were coming from the same northern states; out-migrants exceeded in-migrants
- Vague response  
*Examples:* the trend was crystal clear; South surpassed the West; it was a turnaround; they were outnumbered; attracting growing numbers
- No response

**Document 8a**

A crucial piece of the Rust Belt's political clout headed south Thursday, as the U.S. Census Bureau released the first numbers from its 2000 count of the nation's population.

The numbers show that, for the first time, the Sun Belt outstrips the Northeast and Midwest in population. And for that reason, starting in 2002, the states stretching south and west from Virginia to California for the first time will have more representatives in the House of Representatives than the Northeast and Midwest.

It's all part of a decades-long trend that has seen the Northeast and Midwest lose 20 percent of their congressional representation since 1970.

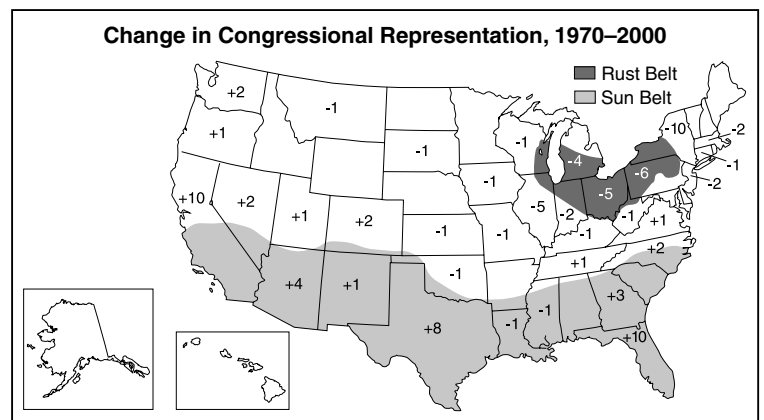
"It is a massive and, I think, unprecedented shift in political power from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West," said Richard Munson, executive director of the Northeast-Midwest Institute in Washington.

And it's a shift, experts say, that could affect everything from the amount of federal aid coming to Buffalo to the future of policies affecting the Great Lakes.

No state has been hurt more by the shifting population than New York, which has lost 29 percent of its House seats since 1970....

Source: Jerry Zremski, "Sun Belt Gains Political Clout," *Buffalo News*, December 29, 2000

**Document 8b**



Source: U. S. Census, 2000

**Note:** Numbers in the map represent seats gained or lost in the House of Representatives.

**8 Based on these documents, what is one effect of the population shift from the Rust Belt to the Sun Belt on congressional representation between 1970 and 2000?**

**Score of 1:**

- States an effect of the population shift from the Rust Belt to the Sun Belt on congressional representation between 1970 and 2000 based on these documents
  - Examples:* the Rust Belt is losing political clout to the South/Sun Belt states; the Sun Belt gained political clout; the states stretching south and west from Virginia to California have gained more representatives in the House of Representatives; the Sun Belt gained more representation in the House of Representatives; the states in the Northeast and Midwest have lost representatives/20 percent of their congressional representation since 1970; the Rust Belt lost representation in the House of Representatives; Buffalo/New York could lose federal aid because of fewer representatives/fewer House seats; less representation could influence future policies affecting the Great Lakes; New York lost ten representatives while Florida/California gained ten representatives; New York has been hurt the worst by losing 29 percent of its House seats between 1970 and 2000; the shift in congressional seats/representation could influence important federal policies; a massive/unprecedented shift in political power from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West

**Score of 0:**

- Incorrect response
  - Examples:* the Northeast and Midwest have gained representatives; New York has gained political power; cities in the Northeast will get more federal aid
- Vague response
  - Examples:* it has been crucial; numbers showed; people moved; there was a trend; the Sun Belt outstrips the Northeast; future policies affecting the Great Lakes
- No response

## Document 9a

...The Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation has issued a new report called "Water 2025," intended to guide local and regional planning for water use in the West. It comes not a moment too soon. The ongoing drought inspired the project, but so has the dramatic population growth in arid regions over the past decade, particularly in Nevada and Arizona. If the West were still sparsely settled, the severity of the drought would be serious enough. Now, the drought is bearing down on an enormous number of people—cattle ranchers, farmers, vacationers and city dwellers alike. Brown lawns aren't the same, in economic impact, as parched rangeland, desiccated [dried-up] farmland or ashen forests, but they make themselves felt nonetheless. What "Water 2025" recognizes is that unless the right plans are made, the potential for future conflict over water rights is very high....

Source: "Dry Prospects," *New York Times*, editorial, July 7, 2003

### 9a Based on this *New York Times* editorial, what is *one* problem related to population growth in the West?

#### Score of 1:

- States a problem related to population growth in the West based on this *New York Times* editorial  
*Examples:* there is not enough water for the demands of the population; population is growing and more water is being used; cattle ranchers/farmers/vacationers/city dwellers could suffer from drought; ongoing drought; farmland is desiccated/dried-up; potential for conflicts over water rights; limited water supplies/lack of water means attention needs to be paid to local and regional planning for water use; concerns about water availability in Arizona/in Nevada; a dramatic population growth in arid regions of Nevada and Arizona straining water resources; the need to plan for how water will be used locally/regionally; the Southwest has too little water to support so many people/limited water supplies; lack of water; potential conflicts over water distribution; need to plan use of water effectively to avoid local/regional conflict

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* population is decreasing; issue of water rights has been settled; cattle ranchers do not worry about drought; a guide for local and regional planning
- Vague response  
*Examples:* a report was issued; it came not a moment too soon; there are plans; a dramatic population growth; Water 2025
- No response

## Document 9b

...Why are people moving to what the media tends to see as a backwater? In part, it's because economic growth in the South has outpaced the rest of the country for a generation and the area now constitutes by far the largest economic region in the country. A recent analysis by Trulia projects the edge will widen in the rest of this decade, sparked by such factors as lower costs and warmer weather...

A portent [indication] of the future can be seen in new investment from U.S.-based and foreign companies. Last year Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and North Carolina were four of the six leading destinations for new corporate facilities.

Some of this growth is centered on the automobile industry, which is increasingly focused on the southern tier from South Carolina to Alabama. The other big industrial expansion revolves around the unconventional oil and gas boom. The region that spans the Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to New Orleans includes the country's largest concentration of oil refineries and petrochemical facilities. In 2011 the two largest capital investments in North America — both tied to natural gas production — were in Louisiana...

Growth in the South, as elsewhere, is concentrated in their suburban rings but there's also been something of central city revivals in Houston, Raleigh, Atlanta and Charlotte. Increasingly these places boast the amenities to compete with the bastions of hipness in everything from medicine and banking to technology and movies. The new owners of the New York Stock Exchange are based in Atlanta and some financial professionals are moving to low-tax states such as Florida...

Source: Joel Kotkin, "How the South Will Rise to Power Again," *Forbes*, January 31, 2013

### 9b According to Joel Kotkin, what is *one* way migration has contributed to economic growth in the Sunbelt?

#### Score of 1:

- States a way migration has contributed to economic growth in the Sunbelt according to Joel Kotkin  
*Examples:* it has provided workers for new industries; it has increased the market for automobiles in the region; migration of population has increased demand; it led to the growth of the automobile industry; it has helped economic growth in the region outpace the rest of the country for a generation; it led United States-based companies/foreign companies to make new investments in the area; Texas/Louisiana/Georgia/North Carolina became leading destinations for new corporate facilities in the Sunbelt; it led to the automobile industry becoming focused on the southern tier from South Carolina to Alabama; it led to the revival of central cities in Houston/Raleigh/Atlanta/Charlotte; increasingly central cities like Houston are boasting amenities; industries/companies have relocated/expanded/built new facilities there; it led to the growth of suburban rings; Houston/Raleigh/Atlanta/Charlotte can now compete in medicine/banking/technology/movies

#### Score of 0:

- Incorrect response  
*Examples:* United States-based companies/foreign companies are leaving the area; automobile industry is moving to the northern tier; central cities are losing population
- Vague response  
*Examples:* Trulia made an analysis; it is indication of the future; it is in the movies
- No response

**United States History and Government**  
**Content-Specific Rubric**  
**Document-Based Essay**  
**August 2016**

**Historical Context:** Large-scale migrations of Americans have occurred throughout United States history. These migrations have had economic, social, and political effects on the nation. These migrations include **the movement of settlers westward during the 1800s, the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century, and the movement of people to the Sun Belt since World War II.**

**Task:** Choose *two* migrations mentioned in the historical context and for *each*

- Describe the historical circumstances that led to the migration
- Discuss effects of this migration on the United States and/or on American society

**Scoring Notes:**

1. This document-based question has a minimum of *six* components (discussing the historical circumstances that led to *each* of *two* migrations **and** *at least two* effects of *each* migration on the United States and/or on American society).
2. An effect of the migration on the United States and/or on American society may be immediate or long term.
3. The discussion of effects of the migration may be on the United States, on American society, or on both.
4. The effects of the migration on the United States or American society may be discussed from a variety of perspectives as long as the positions taken are supported by accurate historical facts and examples.
5. Any document in this essay question may be used in a response if the information is relevant to the migration being discussed. For example, information in Document 9a may also be used in a discussion of the long-term effects of westward migration. Usage in each case should be evaluated on its relevance.
6. Only two migrations should be chosen from the historical context. If three migrations are addressed, only the first two migrations may be scored.
7. For the purposes of meeting the criteria of using *at least four* documents in the response, documents 1a, 1b, 4a, 4b, 8a, 8b, 9a, and 9b may be considered as separate documents if the response uses specific separate information from each document.

**Score of 5:**

- Thoroughly develops **all** aspects of the task evenly and in depth by discussing the historical circumstances that led to each of two migrations and *at least two* effects of each migration on the United States and/or on American society
- Is more analytical than descriptive (analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates\* information), e.g., *movement of settlers westward during the 1800s*: connects the growth of nationalism and the economic opportunities created by the purchase of Louisiana and the explorations of Lewis and Clark to controversial issues such as the extension of slavery into the new territories and the impact of Native American Indian removal policies caused by westward settlement; *movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century*: connects the post-Reconstruction second-class status of African Americans in the South and reasons for their optimism about life in the North to the realities of discrimination they faced in the North that inspired political activism and set some of the preliminary groundwork for the civil rights movement
- Incorporates relevant information from *at least four* documents (see Key Ideas Chart)
- Incorporates substantial relevant outside information related to migrations (see Outside Information Chart)
- Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details, e.g., *movement of settlers westward during the 1800s*: Manifest Destiny; role of immigration; advertising; railroads; reservations; destruction of the buffalo herd; Sioux War; passage of the Dawes Act; *movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century*: sharecropping; crop-liens; Jim Crow laws; voting restrictions; manufacturing jobs; ghettos; race riots; Harlem Renaissance; organization of NAACP
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

**Score of 4:**

- Develops **all** aspects of the task but may do so somewhat unevenly by discussing all aspects of the task for one migration more thoroughly than for the other migration *or* by discussing one aspect less thoroughly than the other aspects
- Is both descriptive and analytical (applies, analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates\* information), e.g., *movement of settlers westward during the 1800s*: discusses the economic opportunities created by the Louisiana Purchase, government policies designed to encourage westward settlement, and the impact the development of the West had on Native American Indian culture and their unsuccessful attempts at armed resistance after the Civil War; *movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century*: discusses the post-Civil War inequalities faced by African Americans in the South, opportunities they believed were available to them in the North, and their growing political involvement that eventually led to demands for more economic and social equality
- Incorporates relevant information from *at least four* documents
- Incorporates relevant outside information
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

**Score of 3:**

- Develops *all* aspects of the task with little depth *or* develops *at least four* aspects of the task in some depth
- Is more descriptive than analytical (applies, may analyze and/or evaluate information)
- Incorporates some relevant information from some of the documents
- Incorporates limited relevant outside information
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some minor inaccuracies
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that may be a restatement of the theme

**Note:** If *all* aspects of the task have been thoroughly developed evenly and in depth for *one* migration and if the response meets most of the other Level 5 criteria, the overall response may be a Level 3 paper.

**Score of 2:**

- Minimally develops *all* aspects of the task *or* develops *at least three* aspects of the task in some depth
- Is primarily descriptive; may include faulty, weak, or isolated application or analysis
- Incorporates limited relevant information from the documents *or* consists primarily of relevant information copied from the documents
- Presents little or no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some inaccuracies
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may not clearly identify which aspect of the task is being addressed; may lack an introduction and/or a conclusion

**Score of 1:**

- Minimally develops some aspects of the task
- Is descriptive; may lack understanding, application, or analysis
- Makes vague, unclear references to the documents *or* consists primarily of relevant and irrelevant information copied from the documents
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, or details; may include inaccuracies
- May demonstrate a weakness in organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may not clearly identify which aspect of the task is being addressed; may lack an introduction and/or a conclusion

**Score of 0:**

Fails to develop the task or may only refer to the theme in a general way; *OR* includes no relevant facts, examples, or details; *OR* includes only the historical context and/or task as copied from the test booklet; *OR* includes only entire documents copied from the test booklet; *OR* is illegible; *OR* is a blank paper

\*The term *create* as used by Anderson/Krathwohl, et al. in their 2001 revision of Bloom's *Taxonomy of Educational Objectives* refers to the highest level of the cognitive domain. This usage of create is similar to Bloom's use of the term *synthesis*. Creating implies an insightful reorganization of information into a new pattern or whole. While a Level 5 paper will contain analysis and/or evaluation of information, a very strong paper may also include examples of creating information as defined by Anderson and Krathwohl.



## Movement of settlers westward during the 1800s

### *Key Ideas from Documents 1–3*

<p><b>Historical Circumstances</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 1</b>—Reasons for people to move west to Nebraska in 1869 (lands for landless, homesteads for homeless, cheap land, millions of acres of grain and grazing land)  Deed from the United States for preemptors after six months residence and cultivation of land  Deed from the United States for homesteaders who resided on and cultivated land for five years  Railroad land available to settlers  Posters in all European languages to attract emigrants; advertising throughout eastern United States  Slow settlement after Homestead Act of 1862; rapid increase during 1870s and 1880s  <b>Doc 3</b>—Movement of Native American Indians to reservations</p>
<p><b>Effects of Migration</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 1</b>—Better life for settlers  <b>Doc 2</b>—Shift in direction of expansion from countryside to cities in late 19th century  Fastest-growing cities in nation in the West (more heavily urban by 1890 than any other region except Northeast)  Countryside most important source of expanding population of western cities  Expansion of commercial economy (farming, ranching becoming more capital-intensive business with purchase of land and equipment, cost of transportation to move)  Promotion of West as safety valve for urban working class by railroads and land speculators (increase of tenant farmers; increase of hired hands; disappearance of free range)  Cities providing safety valve for rural discontent (movement of farmers to city)  <b>Doc 3</b>—Subduing of Native American Indian tribes by federal troops  Signing of treaties requiring Native American Indian tribes to reside on reservations (isolation from American settlers)  Continued pressure on Native American Indians in plains and mountain states after Civil War  Increasing relegation of Native American Indians despite armed resistance to reservations on least desirable western lands</p>

## Movement of settlers westward during the 1800s

### *Relevant Outside Information* (This list is not all-inclusive)

<p><b>Historical Circumstances</b></p>	<p>Federal government policies (Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark expedition, acquisition of Mexican Cession after Mexican War, investments in roads and railroads)          Desire to pursue religious and cultural missions (Christian missionaries in Oregon and California, Mormons in Utah)          Expansion of United States to Pacific Ocean and spread of democracy (Manifest Destiny)          Land exhaustion in older Southern tobacco and cotton states          Offer by Mexican government of large tracts of land          Potential for development of natural resources (furs, gold, silver, lumber)          Desire of African Americans to leave South during Reconstruction          Opening of transcontinental railroad</p>
<p><b>Effects of Migration</b></p>	<p>Spread of market economy across North American continent          Congressional debate over expansion of slavery into territories (Missouri Compromise, Wilmot Proviso, Compromise of 1850)          Intensification of efforts by Northern abolitionists over issue of slavery in territories (Kansas-Nebraska Act, Dred Scott decision, “Bleeding Kansas”)          Great Plains becoming breadbasket          Increase of commercial activities with East Asia (development of West Coast harbors)          Incessant warfare—Native American Indians on Great Plains defending homelands after Civil War (Battle of Little Big Horn, 1876; Battle of Wounded Knee, 1890)          Federal efforts to assimilate Native American Indians (Dawes Act, Carlisle Indian School)          Increasing equality for women with role in the economy, family, and community building (right to vote in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho)          Environmental destruction from exploitation of natural resources (overproduction of crops, overgrazing, lumber and mining activities)          Increase of western political influence (Grangers, Populists, William Jennings Bryan)</p>

## Movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century

### *Key Ideas from Documents 4–6*

<p><b>Historical Circumstances</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 4</b>—Jim Crow laws, lynching, cruelty of people, sharecropping Existence of hard, unyielding caste-like system <b>Doc 5</b>—Close white supervision in traditional service jobs (servants, waiters, barbers) African American veterans ready to claim their rights after fighting in World War I Difficulty earning a living because of racial discrimination (some jobs not available to African Americans)</p>
<p><b>Effects of Migration</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 4</b>—Opportunities for better life (office work) <b>Doc 5</b>—African Americans more willing to oppose racial oppression and act against it Increased number of blacks in North and West Freedom to protest and vote Changes in employment (factory jobs) More freedom of expression with less employer control Limited contact with whites Creation of ghetto environment in which black pride and self-expression could emerge Soldiers ready to claim rights after fighting in World War I <b>Doc 6</b>—New era in African American and American political life with migration of 1.5 million African Americans from the South to the North between 1915 and 1930 Change in African American population (southern to national; rural and agricultural to urban and industrial; being subject to formal and informal repression, coercion, and exclusion to civic and political activism) Extension and reconstitution of black communities Contribution to 20th century political developments (electoral realignments, New Deal, industrial unionism, Great Society, battle for civil rights)</p>

### *Relevant Outside Information*

(This list is not all-inclusive)

<p><b>Historical Circumstances</b></p>	<p>Damage to Southern cotton fields (boll weevils, floods, droughts) Opening of Henry Ford’s automobile assembly lines to African Americans New job opportunities from decrease in European immigration and shift in wartime industries (shipyards, stockyards, steel mills) Escape from tenancy and crop liens Restrictions on voting rights in South (poll taxes, grandfather clauses, literacy tests) Availability of railroads to provide transportation north</p>
<p><b>Effects of Migration</b></p>	<p>Resentment of Northern whites Acts of violence against African Americans (urban riots, Red Summer of 1919, Ku Klux Klan activities) Establishment of small businesses and commercial activities Increase in political activism (growth of NAACP membership; lobbying for anti-lynching laws; swing vote in local, state, and national elections; support for Democratic Party and President Franklin D. Roosevelt) Movement of jazz into North (urban dance halls, clubs, bars) Inspiration of racial pride by northern, urban artistic community (African American writers, musicians, Harlem Renaissance) Continuation of migration during 1940s to jobs in defense industry Contribution to intensification of de facto segregation after World War II (white flight)</p>

## Movement of people to the Sun Belt since World War II

### *Key Ideas from Documents 7–9*

<p><b>Historical Circumstances</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 7</b>—Attraction of fast-developing economy in postwar South (new industries, military facilities, educational institutions, transportation systems, urban infrastructure)          Availability of new jobs (engineers, managers, professors, technicians, people with high-end skills)          Attraction of capital to region (Fortune 500 companies opening offices, branch plants, whole operations)  <b>Doc 9</b>—Lower costs and warmer weather in South</p>
<p><b>Effects of Migration</b></p>	<p><b>Doc 7</b>—More people moving into region than leaving (3.5 million during 1970s, 3 million during 1980s, more than 2 million during 1990s, many from northern states)          Population decline in Mid-Atlantic states (almost 2 million during 1970s)          Loss of population in East North Central states (loss of 1.3 million more than received through migration)          South attracting people in growing numbers since World War II          Mostly blue-collar southerners going North, mostly white-collar northerners going South  <b>Doc 8</b>—More representatives in the House of Representatives from states stretching south and west          Shift in political power from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West          Possible effects on federal aid (Buffalo, policies affecting Great Lakes)          New York loss of 10 House seats between 1970 and 2000 (29 percent)  <b>Doc 9</b>—Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation role in local and regional planning for water use in West (“Water 2025” Report)          Dramatic population growth in arid regions (Nevada, Arizona)          Impact of drought on cattle ranchers, farmers, vacationers, city dwellers          Potential for future conflicts over water rights          Economic growth in South outpacing rest of country (largest economic region in country)          New investment from United States-based and foreign companies (automobiles, oil refineries, petrochemical facilities, natural gas production)          Concentration of growth in suburban rings and central city revivals (Houston, Raleigh, Atlanta, Charlotte)          Growth in desired amenities (medicine, banking, technology, movies)</p>

## Movement of people to the Sun Belt since World War II

### *Relevant Outside Information*

(This list is not all-inclusive)

<b>Historical Circumstances</b>	Assignment of soldiers and families to duty stations in South and West during World War II Movement of wartime workers to shipyards and aircraft factories on West Coast Availability of economic activities (aerospace industry, recreation, real estate development, computer development) Retirees seeking lower maintenance life style (lower taxes, lower heating bills, better climate, improved health) Development of technology (air conditioning) Improved transportation/interstate highway system
<b>Effects of Migration</b>	Stress on existing infrastructure requiring significant investment Decline in services in rural northern areas with lower tax base Fewer economic opportunities in North (relocation/closure of businesses, higher unemployment) Concern of local and state politicians over regional depopulation (lobbying for economic development programs) Potential state-mandated restrictions on water usage (California) Effects of drought (new crops, consumer prices)

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**Raters should continue to disregard the quality of a student's handwriting in scoring examination papers and focus on how well the student has accomplished the task. The content-specific rubric should be applied holistically in determining the level of a student's response.**

Immigration and migration have been integral parts of the growth and strengthening of the United States from economic, social and political standpoints. When huge waves of migration occur, this can have lasting impact on the way American life develops. One major example of mass migration in America is the westward movement of settlers in the 1800's, inhabiting the free open spaces of the Mid-west and West. Another large scale migration that made an incredible impact was the African American movement to the North, hoping for an escape from the dangerously discriminatory South. Both have had immense effects on our nation, from where they started to how America evolved over time.

The development of America began with the transformation of colonies into states, and the journey from statehood to becoming a united nation. The Louisiana Purchase gave the US a great amount of land, doubling our previous expanse, and contributing to our continual growth. Large areas as far as the Rocky Mountains in the West were opened for settlement and led to the idea of manifest destiny in the 1840s. Manifest destiny was a belief that it was America's God-given right and responsibility to acquire land and expand, to the Pacific Ocean to extend democracy and promote the American Dream. As the North and South continued to grow, there was vast new opportunities in the West for business, farming, and overall, a fresh new start in life. Unfortunately, in the mid-1800s, the issue of slavery complicated western settlement. Slavery was tied to the admission of Missouri, Texas, and California. Only the Civil War removed the issue of slavery and allowed faster settlement to take place. The government in many Western states wanting to grow their

population and economy, advertised cheap land and job opportunities. Advertisements even appeared in European newspapers encouraging immigrants to come to the United States and settle in the West. In 1869 Nebraska advertised cheap land for grain and grazing (Doc 1a). The federal government had passed the Homestead Act to encourage settlers to go west and gave land subsidies to encourage railroad building so people could get to the West. These lands drew farm families from the old Northwestern states and the Northeast, where good land was no longer cheap. Although life in the West primarily focused on farming, there were also opportunities to develop many different natural resources. There were gold rushes and silver rushes that attracted people from all over the United States and the world who were seeking their fortune. These developments had major effects on the growth of the West, Western cities, and the American economy. Huge farms produced wheat and corn in great quantities. Other ranches produced large herds of cattle. The agricultural output of the Great Plains made Americans the best fed people on earth. However, overproduction, too much competition, and high railroad shipping rates made farming less profitable. Small farmers and ranchers often did not have the money to keep going. As farming and ranching became more of an expensive option to invest in, industry and urban life took hold and grew (Doc 2). The cities were offering new, different, and less expensive opportunities. Cities offered unsuccessful farmers and other immigrants the opportunity to develop other skills and become productive members of society. The intense wave of migrants did not come without sacrificing others, as many Native Americans were negatively affected by Western settlement; being pushed out of

their ancestral lands and into reservations (Doc 3). Their subsistence lifestyle based on the great buffalo herds did not fit in well with the development of the west and led to their resisting assimilation.

The overall impact that came from western migration was a great population boost and economic growth, achieved at the expense of and complete disregard for Native Americans who suffered a population decrease and economic ruin during “a century of dishonor.” Unemployment and poverty continued into the 20th century and after and so did Native American discontent.

In the early 20th century another wave of people migrated to the North to bring great change. This was a time of uneasy divide between whites and African-Americans throughout the South especially. The harsh differences between the North and South about freedmen became incredibly clear after the Civil War and Reconstruction. These differences were evident through the existence of Jim Crow laws. The ongoing violence, the KKK, the unfairness of voting laws, and the overwhelming Southern support for segregation in almost all areas of society meant African-Americans were living there with little hope of achieving equality. The need for African-Americans to flee the South was very clear as it was for earlier immigrants who had left Europe for a better life in the United States. The event that sparked the migration was World War I and the availability of a huge number of industrial jobs in the North. The African Americans most important goal for moving North was freedom. They wanted their children to be able to live their lives without Jim Crow. They wanted better jobs and Northern factories had a need for cheap labor. They wanted a safer environment, away from the intense racism of the South where no one was safe from



lynching or a corrupt criminal justice systems. They also wanted their citizenship rights. (Doc 4b). Living in New York City's Harlem inspired poets such as Langston Hughes who describes this migration in his poem "One way Ticket", "Any place that is North and West— And not South. I am fed up with Jim Crow laws, people who are cruel... who lynch and run... I pick up my life, and take it away." (Doc 4a). The movement of these southern blacks is referred to as "The Great Migration", and rightfully so, as they brought incredibly revolutionary change in the social, political and cultural landscape of America. The African Americans' newfound northern neighborhoods, the lack of enforced "segregation" and less personal interaction with whites in their new jobs left them with a sense of freedom since they weren't being watched every minute. They had more independence and could experience more personal growth and express their own opinions. They were able to create their own unique American culture (Doc 5). This included creating their own genres of music like jazz with their own performers such as Louis Armstrong. There was a whole vibrant culture based on the black experience that would get national and world wide exposure. The vast northern movement of blacks during the Great Migration ultimately paved the way for a political revolution, permanently changing voting patterns and leading the way to an eventual fight for civil rights that would gain the attention and support of many white Americans. More urban African Americans began to vote and support candidates who supported equal rights. Shifting away from the Republican Party that had helped them after the Civil War, they began to vote for Democrats such as Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B.

Johnson who promised change. (Doc 6). In the end, the African American migration experience brought more than just a fulfillment of civil and political rights and better jobs, but helped to create a new American culture, and a new political activism that would eventually succeed in achieving racial integration and an overall more equal society. Without the Great Migration and the changes it brought about, it is hard to imagine the election of an African American as President of the United States.

To conclude, the historical impact of the westward migration and the Great Migration of African Americans permeates our history and influenced the shape of today's world. The West is a major landmark in America, a symbol of the power and expanse of our nation. African Americans, in their migration North and West developed a spirit for equality. Altogether, people can create great change in numbers, and it is evident throughout history that the America we live in today is a result of massive migrations and its consequences.

## Anchor Level 5-A

### The response:

- Thoroughly develops all aspects of the task evenly and in depth for migrations of settlers westward during the 1800s and African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century
- Is more analytical than descriptive (*settlers*: slavery was tied to the admission of Missouri, Texas, and California; Homestead Act encouraged settlers to go west and gave land subsidies to encourage railroad building; as farming and ranching became more expensive, cities offered new, different, and less expensive opportunities; Native Americans pushed out of ancestral lands and onto reservations; economic growth achieved at expense of and complete disregard for Native Americans; *African Americans*: harsh differences between the North and South about freedmen became clear after the Civil War and Reconstruction; wanted a safer environment away from intense racism of South; less personal interaction with whites in new jobs left them with a sense of freedom; could experience more personal growth and develop own opinions; paved way for a political revolution and led to fight for civil rights; gained attention and support of many white Americans)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Incorporates substantial relevant outside information (*settlers*: Manifest Destiny, a belief that it was America's responsibility to expand to Pacific Ocean; issue of slavery complicated western settlement; overproduction, competition, and high railroad shipping rates made farming less profitable; subsistence lifestyle of Native Americans did not fit well with development of West; cities offered the opportunity for farmers and immigrants to develop other skills and become productive members of society; Native Americans suffered population decrease and economic ruin; unemployment and poverty continued into 20th century; *African Americans*: ongoing violence, Ku Klux Klan, unfairness of voting laws, and overwhelming Southern support of segregation in almost all areas of society; poets inspired by living in New York City's Harlem; created unique American culture including genres of music such as jazz; whole vibrant culture based on black experience got national and worldwide exposure; shifted away from Republican Party and began to vote for Democrats who promised change; without Great Migration, it is hard to imagine the election of African American as president)
- Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Louisiana Purchase; Rocky Mountains; advertisements in European newspapers; buffalo herds; *African Americans*: Langston Hughes; Great Migration; Louis Armstrong; Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction that states settlers migrated west for open spaces and African Americans moved north to escape the discriminatory South and a conclusion that assesses the impact of the westward migration and the Great Migration on today's world

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 5. Critical appraisal of document information effectively establishes comparative elements and forms the basis for good conclusions. Analytical and historical references effectively support the discussion of long-term effects for each migration.

The migration in the United States, pre-twenty-first-century, was immense. Large groups of people decided to pack up their lives and start new ones in different regions of the country in hopes of bettering the lives of themselves and their families. Two of these large migrations consisted of settlers moving westward in the nineteenth century and African Americans moving to northern cities during the early twentieth century.

The migration of the settlers to the west in the 1800s was motivated mainly by land opportunities. The purchase of Louisiana by President Thomas Jefferson opened up the opportunity for the United States to expand to the Rocky Mountains. After Lewis and Clark returned with information about their exploration of the West to the Pacific Ocean, Americans became more interested in the possibilities of living on the Great Plains and beyond. A nation of small independent farmers had always been the dream of Jefferson. However, it was some time before the vast areas of the Louisiana territory were needed for settlement. But in 1820 when Missouri applied for statehood, the issue of slavery exploded all over the country. While the Missouri Compromise settled the immediate dispute, the disagreement affected the expansion and political organization of the west. Northerners did not want to compete with slavery on the Great Plains. When the Republican Party took power in 1861, a Civil War began when the South tried to secede. During the war, Republicans passed the Homestead Act in 1862 and a transcontinental railroad act. Soon advertisements from railroads and the Federal government became available about almost-free land in Nebraska. This was enticing to many Americans struggling in the East and veterans of the Civil War. So the new lands in the West

provided many young families a way to build an independent life on rich farmland. Also the large population in some East Coast cities created a cramped and difficult life for those who resided there. Low wages, bad conditions in factories, and crowded tenements made the “limpid waters, bright skies, and vital air” in the west sound appealing. The west was a safety valve for not only farmers and workers but also for African Americans looking for more opportunities after the Civil War and yet again in the early 1900s.

A major effect of this migration was a huge explosion of agricultural production. The Great Plains became known as “the bread basket of the world” as grains, cows, and hogs flowed east, feeding American cities and many others around the world. New technology provided better plows, planters, and reapers, making it possible to farm even more land with fewer people. All these changes increased production and lowered the cost of crops. Westward expansion, however, came with a price. The Native Americans, who had either lived there originally, or had been relocated to west of the Mississippi under the Indian Removal Act, occupied valuable land and now stood in the way of American expansion as the frontier moved further westward. The government now pushed the Native Americans and their traditional culture further aside, to the point of living on smaller patches of land “granted” to them by the government in treaties. Most Plains Indians relied on the buffalo for most necessities of life. Settlers, hunters, and the railroads slaughtered the buffalo herds. Without these great migratory herds, the Native Americans were forced to uproot their lives and be confined to reservations. They continued to be taken advantage of and treated poorly despite government promises and their efforts to

resist. The settlers ultimately reaped the benefits of the land originally owned by the Native Americans. The outmigration from the farms and cities of the East to open land in the West preceeded the future migration of western settlers to urban areas. Due to the cost of maintaining land acquired under the Homestead Act or the failure of farms when drought and insects struck, settlers were forced to find a new safety valve. This migration led to the growth of western cities as tenant farmers, hired hands, and others disappointed with the rural west moved to cities to start over.

The migration of the African Americans from the South to the north had an extremely different set of circumstances as well as a different effect. The African Americans, in the early 1900s, were facing one of the peaks of racial injustice (post-slavery) in the South. Jim Crow laws legally forced them to be separated from whites in every aspect of life. This unfair treatment was ignored by the federal government and upheld by the Supreme Court in Plessy v Ferguson even though their citizenship rights had been guaranteed in the 14th amendment. All their legal rights were curtailed and voting rights were taken away with poll taxes and grandfather clauses. These infringements upon the basic human rights of these American citizens was a major cause of their migration to less hostile and less discriminatory regions of the country. There was less racism in northern cities and less segregation and they also held more job opportunities for African Americans who had been trapped by share cropping in the South. There was an abundance of industrial jobs because factories were producing goods for World War I, giving those who decided to make the journey an opportunity to earn more money

but not equal to the amount earned by whites. However they believed they had a brighter future in the North and having the right to vote might affect their future equal rights. This led to a great cultural explosion, including the Harlem Renaissance. Many aspects of African American life like jazz were absorbed into the larger American culture and helped transform American society. This migration, however led to quite a change in the population in urban centers and the concentration of certain races in certain parts of the cities. There seemed to be a concentration of African Americans in urban centers and large cities, such as New York City and Detroit, leading to their de facto segregation and “white flight”. The white population, many recent immigrants themselves, resented the large number of African Americans moving into their neighborhoods and competing with them for jobs, even soldiers returning from fighting in the war. Whites began to move to new suburban areas outside the center of the city. This population shift was a product of the ability to not live in the city and commute to work through cars and improved public transportation. This ultimately led to the minority becoming the majority in many northern cities. As African Americans became the majority they increased their political power. They joined political parties, usually the Democratic Party, and some ran for office. Some of their children even became mayors of northern cities. White politicians began to care about their votes and their demands for equality.

The migration of both white settlers to the west in the 1800s and of African Americans from the South to the northern cities in the early 1900s both created the basis for monumental change in the United

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**Anchor Paper – Document-Based Essay—Level 5 – B**

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.States, leading to the society that is present today. There is currently a majority of African Americans in many urban centers. While some African Americans have achieved their dreams, others live in substandard conditions and poverty as displayed recently within cities such as Detroit. The population in the western part of the country continues to increase and puts pressure on water and other natural resources, even as its political power has grown at the expense of the Northeast. The effects of these migrations mentioned are still noticeable and relevant today.

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### The response:

- Thoroughly develops all aspects of the task evenly and in depth for migrations of settlers westward during the 1800s and African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century
- Is more analytical than descriptive (*settlers*: West a safety valve not only for farmers and workers but also for African Americans looking for more opportunities after Civil War; grain, cows, and hogs flowed east, feeding American cities; Native Americans forced to uproot lives and be confined to reservations despite government promises and efforts to resist; outmigration from farms and eastern cities to open land in West preceded future migration of western settlers to urban areas; western cities grew as tenant farmers, and others disappointed with rural west, moved to cities to start over; *African Americans*: infringement upon basic human rights was major cause of migration to less hostile and less discriminatory regions of country; more job opportunities in North for African Americans; believed having right to vote might affect their future equal rights; migration led to concentration of certain races in certain parts of cities; African Americans became majority in many northern cities and increased their political power)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9
- Incorporates substantial relevant outside information (*settlers*: purchase of Louisiana opened opportunity to expand to Rocky Mountains; Lewis and Clark explored West to Pacific Ocean; nation of small independent farmers had been dream of Jefferson; huge explosion of agricultural production; new technology provided better plows, planters, and reapers; Native Americans relocated west of Mississippi under Indian Removal Act; due to expense of maintaining land or failure of farms when drought and insects struck, settlers forced to find new safety valve; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws legally forced separation; unfair treatment upheld in *Plessy v. Ferguson* although citizenship rights were guaranteed in 14th amendment; aspects of African American life like jazz absorbed into larger American culture; white population resented large number of African Americans moving into their neighborhoods and competing for jobs; African Americans joined political parties; some of their children became mayors of northern cities; white politicians began to care about their votes and their demands for equality)
- Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: advertisements about land in Nebraska; Homestead Act; bread basket of the world; slaughter of buffalo herds; *African Americans*: poll taxes; grandfather clauses; sharecropping in South; de facto segregation; “white flight”; cultural explosion; Harlem Renaissance; less racism and less segregation in northern cities; Democratic Party)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction that is slightly beyond a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that states the migrations of western settlers and African Americans have created the basis for monumental change in the United States

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 5. A thoughtful discussion of each migration is supported by analytic statements and substantive relevant historical details. The interpretation of document information results in conclusions that demonstrate continuity and linkage between different periods of migration.

Throughout history the migration of people has had an impact on society. Westward expansion, and the Great Migration each had affects on [the] people who migrated and the country as a whole. Economy's boomed as people moved west and populations of African Americans in northern cities exploded during these mass movements.

The possibility of westward expansion had many effects on the American peoples. [Doc 1AB] People started to move west during the colonial period because of the vision of the American dream. After the French and Indian War, more Americans wanted to move into the Ohio River valley including planters whose land was becoming exhausted by tobacco growing. The British blocked this migration with the Proclamation of 1763, which created great resentment and temporarily halted the westward march of colonists. When independence was won, selling land in the West became a major way for the national government to raise money. The Ohio valley was settled with areas north of the river not allowing slavery and areas to the south allowing it. While this was agreed to without conflict in the 1780s, later decisions about the territory acquired with the Louisiana Purchase would lead to major disagreements between the North and South. Government policies encouraged people to settle the land west of the Mississippi River. Eventually, roads and canals such as the Erie began to make the west more accessible. The Oregon Trail provided direction for pioneers going not only to Oregon but also to California. Land acts in the early 1800s set the stage for the Homestead act of 1862 which encouraged people to move west by promising 160 acres of land to anyone who "settles" said plot of land for five years and improves it. Some pioneers bought their land in states such as

Nebraska where the national government was “almost donating it.” The people that moved west under these conditions were sometimes disappointed. [Doc 2] Besides being a lonely hard life for families, five years was a long time to try to make a farm that size in the west successful. The effect that this migration had on the United States was also very tremendous. Huge crop surpluses provided cheap food for the rest of the country, but the low prices hurt the farmers. As the Farming industry became more capitalized, it put many small farmers in debt or out of business and created a very unstable situation for them. This land that was settled in the west contained rivers such as the Mississippi River which increased trade links with other countries and increased interstate commerce. [Doc 3] The economy of the west often led to “boom” conditions and sometimes “bust” conditions. Some mining towns became ghost towns but overall added significant wealth to the national economy. But, not everyone was positively impacted by westward expansion. The Native Americans suffered great loss as the “American people” settled the west. The Native Americans were forced from their home land throughout the 1800s and often were mistreated by the white men. As the Cherokee’s were forced along the “trail of tears” in 1837 and 1838 many sickened and died on the way to Indian territory. As more years passed resentment grew among Great Plains Indians and they began to attack white settlements which led to many years of fighting. After “little big horn” and Custer’s death, the army kept after them until it was impossible for Native Americans to fight back.

The Great Migration [and] the Renaissance that took place in Harlem and in other cities such as Chicago had massive effects on

American life. [Doc 5] During and after World wars one and two many African American peoples were discouraged about the attitudes of southerners and were more willing to express their opposition to racial oppression, and acted against it. Many African Americans moved north and west because they had the constitutional right to move where they wanted, to vote, and protest as United States citizens. The Jim Crow laws had suppressed black rights for years in the south and when jobs opened up in the north because of labor shortages and new industries many blacks moved. Some went to work on Henry Ford's assembly line, some took office jobs, and some worked as servants and waiters. They were no longer stuck in a caste system and even if they weren't as successful as they had hoped to be they had faith that their children would be better off. During the Harlem Renaissance black culture was freely expressed in music and the arts and somewhat accepted by whites in urban societies of the north. [Doc 6] Eventually, these contributions became embedded in the general culture. The Great Migration effected American society by causing a growing population of African Americans in northern urban societies, which was not always accepted in white schools and neighborhoods. However politics began to give African Americans an outlet to express their frustration about repression, coercion and exclusion. Their ability to vote made them a valuable part of the Democratic Party, starting with FDR and continuing to today. Although blacks wouldn't gain all the civil rights they wanted in American Society until the 1960's the numbers of African Americans involved in The Great Migrations started a conversation about what needed to be done about civil rights. Thus migration has had a lasting affect on American society. The

Great Migration lead to an increase of black population outside the south and an increase in black pride. Westward expansion lead to an increased farming economy and the suppression of Native Americans. But, none the less the migrations of peoples has continued to influence American life.

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**Anchor Level 4-A**

**The response:**

- Develops all aspects of the task for migrations of settlers westward during the 1800s and African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*settlers*: government policies encouraged people to settle west of Mississippi River; five years was a long time to make a farm in West successful; farming industry became more capitalized putting many small farmers out of business; economy of West often led to “boom” conditions and sometimes “bust” conditions; mining towns added significant wealth to national economy; Native Americans forced from homelands and often mistreated; *African Americans*: during and after World Wars I and II, many discouraged about attitudes of Southerners and more willing to express opposition to racial oppression; Jim Crow laws suppressed black rights for years in South; they had faith that children would be better off; politics began to give them an outlet to express frustration about repression, coercion, and exclusion; would not gain all the civil rights they wanted until 1960s; started a conversation about what needed to be done about civil rights)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: after French and Indian War, more Americans wanted to move into Ohio River valley, including planters whose land was exhausted by tobacco growing; roads and canals began to make West more accessible; increased trade links with other countries and increased interstate commerce; many Cherokee sickened and died on way to Indian Territory; resentment grew among Great Plains Indians and they began to attack white settlements; after Little Big Horn and Custer’s death, army kept after Native Americans until it was impossible to fight back; *African Americans*: Renaissances took place in Harlem and in other cities; many moved north and west because of constitutional right to move where they wanted, to vote, and to protest as United States citizens; during Harlem Renaissance, black culture freely expressed in music and arts and somewhat accepted by whites in urban societies of North; not always accepted in white schools and neighborhoods)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Erie Canal; Homestead Act; Nebraska; lonely hard life; Trail of Tears; *African Americans*: Chicago; growing population in northern cities; labor shortages in North; Henry Ford’s assembly line; office jobs; servants and waiters)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that state migrations affected not only those who migrated but also the country as a whole

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Relevant outside information supports the discussion of both migrations; however, additional development of effects would have strengthened the discussion. Good analytic statements are scattered throughout the response.

Large-scale migrations of both the 19th and 20th centuries have impacted the U.S. politically, economically, and socially. In particular, the 19th century expansion to the west by farmers and others would have major effects on the development of the modern U.S. Additionally, the Great Migration of WWI would forever reshape the structure of Northern urban areas. Both the westward settlement movement of the 1800s and the WWI Great Migration of African Americans led to major changes in the nation by altering the social foundations of the USA.

The westward settlement movement of the 1800s expanded the US farming area about doubling its size, resulting in an expansion of the nation's agriculture. The westward settlement movement accelerated with the Louisiana Purchase in 1801 under Thomas Jefferson, where the US acquired western territory from the French emperor Napoleon. Farmers who had earlier moved west into Kentucky and Tennessee relied on the Mississippi River to get their crops to market. The purchase of the Louisiana Territory guaranteed our ownership of the Mississippi and would be one of the key reasons for settlement of the Great Plains and far west. After the US explored this area under Lewis and Clark, pioneers began to make their way across the continent to exploit the abundance of fertile and cheap land (Doc 1a). In accordance with the spirit of expansionism, dubbed Manifest Destiny, these Americans sought land to call their own and to expand the country as a whole. Many had good farms along the Mississippi River but going further west to territories such as Texas to raise cattle became a new goal for some. The annexation of Texas and the dream of Manifest Destiny continued to draw people to the Southwest and West

even though Native Americans and other uncertainties might be waiting for them (Doc 1b). Manifest destiny had major economic ramifications, however. Due to increased distance from the primary ports and cities, the cost of rural farming rose due to high transportation costs (Doc 2). Railroad practices charged more for short hauls and giving rebates hurt farmers and benefited big business. Farmers thus became poorer and endured many losses as a result of their high expenses and low profits. Thus, as small independent farmers sunk further into poverty and were the primary inhabitants of the west, the western society on the frontier became less and less equal and more and more separated in terms of economic status as commercial farming spread. This would eventually lead to the Granger and Populist movements to advocate government intervention on farmers' behalves. Populists blamed low prices on the money supply and thought that political power was too much controlled by the wealthy. Additionally, the societal structure of the US continued to become unequal as Native Americans were further moved off their lands and onto reservations. Reservations could not accommodate the culture of the Native Americans. (Doc 3). When they followed the great buffalo herds, they had been free to live as they wanted. With the arrival of the white settlers, the army, and the railroads, the buffalo were killed and the Native Americans lost control of their world. The Native Americans were not considered a valuable part of the USA, but only a hindrance. Western societal structure was altered to exclude them almost completely because they and their buffalo were in the way of settlement. Thus the migrations of the 1800s and the experience of living in the west impacted both the independent social status of

farmers and the world of the Native Americans.

The Great Migration of the WWI-era led to increased status of blacks in U.S. society. The Great Migration occurred as a response to both the Jim Crow Laws in the South and the allure of job opportunities created by the first world war (Doc 4). African Americans were segregated in schools, hospitals, and most public buildings. White southerners considered themselves superior to African Americans and tried to keep them inferior by passing Jim Crow Laws. African Americans in the South struggled under not only discrimination but poor jobs like sharecropping and tenant farming with little hope of advancement. They thus chose to migrate to urban areas in the North like Detroit or New York City. As a result of these migrations, African Americans became increasingly free from direct control under whites (Doc 5). Due to both self-sufficiency of jobs and an increased sense of community with other blacks, they became a more independent, powerful facet of society. Because of shared experiences, blacks were able to bond together to be part of important cultural movements like the Harlem Renaissance to publicly celebrate their culture and challenges. Langston Hughes saw a “one way ticket” to northern and western cities as the way to leave Jim Crow behind. Racial pride was expressed through literature, music, dance, art, and black nationalism (Doc 4a). The Great Migration also eventually led to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s (Doc 6). African Americans became increasingly politically active and thus empowered, leading to national movements under individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. and events such as the March on Washington. Thus, the Great Migrations of the 1900s began to empower African Americans,



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leading eventually to a permanent change in the status of blacks in U.S. society that was far removed from their post Reconstruction status.

Although the migrations of both the 1800s and the 1900s had negative consequences as well, overall these two movements led to significant changes in society. The 1800s movement westward by settlers contributed to a growing number of farmers in U.S. society who experienced different degrees of success. The 1900s Great Migration by African Americans led to increased status of blacks in America which is still evolving. Thus, both the 19th century settlement migration and the 20th century Great Migration contributed to the development of the U.S.

## Anchor Level 4-B

### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task but discusses migrations of settlers westward during the 1800s more thoroughly than African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*settlers*: due to increased distance from primary ports and cities, cost of rural farming rose; western society on frontier less and less equal and more separated in terms of economic status as commercial farming spread; societal structure continued to become unequal as Native Americans moved onto reservations; reservations could not accommodate culture of Native Americans; western societal structure altered to exclude Native Americans almost completely; *African Americans*: white southerners considered themselves superior to African Americans and tried to keep them inferior with Jim Crow laws; struggled in South under not only discrimination but also poor jobs like sharecropping and tenant farming with little hope of advancement; due to increased sense of community, became a powerful facet of society; part of important cultural movements which celebrated their culture and challenges; migration eventually led to civil rights movement; change in status of African Americans far removed from post-Reconstruction status)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: movement accelerated with Louisiana Purchase; farmers who had moved west into Kentucky and Tennessee relied on Mississippi River to get crops to market; purchase of Louisiana Territory guaranteed ownership of Mississippi; annexation of Texas and dream of Manifest Destiny continued to draw people to Southwest and West; railroad practices, such as charging more for short hauls and giving rebates, hurt farmers and benefited big business; Granger and Populist movements advocated for farmers; *African Americans*: segregated in schools, hospitals, and most public buildings; racial pride expressed through literature, music, dance, and other arts and black nationalism; sense of empowerment led to national movement under leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and events such as March on Washington)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Lewis and Clark; Great Plains; high transportation costs; fertile cheap land in West; *African Americans*: Great Migration; World War I; job opportunities in North; Detroit; New York City; Harlem Renaissance; Langston Hughes; “One-Way Ticket”); includes a minor inaccuracy (*settlers*: Louisiana Purchase of 1801)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that state westward migration and the Great Migration led to significant changes in the nation

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Recognizing the trend toward inequality as a societal factor on the frontier establishes an analytical context for the discussion of the impact of westward migration. While document interpretation is generally thoughtful, additional supportive outside information would have strengthened the discussion of African Americans.

As such a large country, America has distinct regions and the people have the opportunity to pick up their lives and go to a drastically different place in the same country. Such migrations get classified by historians, grouped by those who migrated, when they did, and to where. The migration of blacks to the North from the South and of people from the North to the South west and south to the sun belt were two such migrations. Although physically the Great Migration and sun belt migrations were opposite, they both affected America significantly politically.

The Great Migration was where southern blacks emigrated to the North and most to urban areas. As shown in documents 4a and 4b, they faced intense racism in the south. The racism seemed to worsen after the Civil War was over as the South was not happy about losing. Working as free men in a sharecropping system did not seem so different than their lives before the war. Few jobs were available in cities or towns for skilled or unskilled African Americans because many businesses discriminated against them. Getting ahead economically was very important to African Americans but it was almost impossible to do in the South. They were always in debt and struggled to get fair prices for crops. There was no way to fix life in the South. African Americans started moving north to take advantage of the industrial jobs available during World War I. At first it was a trickle and then it became a flood. African Americans believed there was a better life, free from fear of lynching and other cruelties, in the North. As the North was considered by some to be historically less racist than the South, optimism was widespread that the Great Migration would change African American lives for the better. Once there, the new

formed black communities in cities, so called “ghettos” fostered an environment of black pride and culture. Document 5 says that despite the terrible conditions of the ghetto, black culture, like with the Harlem Renaissance, emerged. Another major effect was in political life, as large numbers of African Americans voted. Because of this pride and political involvement, they supported efforts of the NAACP against discrimination. After World War II, leaders such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. worked to create change. They built on the activism that started in the northern black neighborhoods and moved nationwide. They fought for political and social change and were partly responsible for the eventual presidential election of Barack Obama.

The opposite motion occurred in the Sun Belt migration. People moved from the North, the rust belt of the Great Lakes region to the South and West, the Sun Belt. Document 7 says the reason for this was the booming post war economy of the South. The region was also attracting capital. As more people moved to the South, it was a logical place to invest money in construction and consumer industries. Major corporations had built facilities from South Carolina to Alabama. Airlines have developed many more routes throughout the Sun belt. It couldn't hurt that the climate of such areas was rarely cold. Document 9 says that also it is because southern states have lower taxes. Lower taxes have had an appeal for retirees on fixed incomes. With lower corporate and income taxes, businesses are more profitable, and industries like the car manufacturing have shifted south. European and Japanese automakers have set up manufacturing operations in the South creating more jobs and disposable consumer

income for workers. Like the Great Migration, this movement of people has had political effects on America. Document 8b visually shows the shift in population, detailing the number of representatives lost or gained in each state. The states of the rust belt have lost while the sun belt has gained. This affects politics as the make up of the legislative body has changed. This means that the Rust Belt has lost some of its influence in the House of Representatives and might not be as successful in promoting programs that benefit the region.

Although the Sun belt migration and the Great migration had opposite effects on American population, with the Great Migration being South to North and the Sunbelt migration being North to South, both managed to change the political dynamic of America. The experience of the Great Migration and living in the North made African Americans more independent and willing to stand up and fight the inequalities they faced. They united and helped to start the civil rights movement and worked with the nation's leadership to enact political and social change with the passage of congressional laws in the 1960s such as the Voting Rights Act. The sunbelt led to an increased importance of the South in the politics of America, with the North losing the representatives in the House that the South was gaining. Through these two migrations, it is clear to see that the movement of people within America has an impact, perhaps just as much if not more than those immigrating to the country throughout our history.

## Anchor Level 4-C

### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task for migrations of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century and people to the Sun Belt since World War II
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*African Americans*: faced intense racism in South which seemed to worsen after Civil War; working as free men in sharecropping system did not seem very different than lives before Civil War; few jobs available in cities or town for skilled or unskilled African Americans because many industries discriminated against them; North considered by some to be historically less racist than South; optimism widespread that Great Migration would change African American lives for better; *Sun Belt*: as more people moved South, money was invested in construction and consumer industries; major corporations built facilities from South Carolina to Alabama)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*African Americans*: ghettos fostered environment of black pride and culture; after World War II, leaders worked to create change; built on activism that started in northern black neighborhoods and moved nationwide; fought for political and social change and were partly responsible for presidential election of Barack Obama; worked with nation's leadership to enact political and social changes with passage of laws in the 1960s such as Voting Rights Act; *Sun Belt*: airlines developed many routes throughout Sun Belt; does not hurt that climate is rarely cold; lower taxes appeal to retirees on fixed incomes; with lower corporate and income taxes, businesses more profitable; European and Japanese automakers set up manufacturing operations in South creating more jobs and disposable consumer income for workers; Rust Belt lost some influence in House of Representatives and might not be as successful in promoting programs that benefit region)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (*African Americans*: Harlem Renaissance; Rosa Parks; Martin Luther King Jr.; civil rights movement; *Sun Belt*: Great Lakes region; booming post-war economy of South)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Good economic understandings are included in the discussion of both migrations. Relevant outside information supports the premise that the African American migration has had a significant political impact; however, the discussion of the Sunbelt's political impact would have benefited from further explanation.

Throughout United States History, people have constantly pursued expanding the country and moving their families. Two mass migrations that occurred in United States history are the movement of settlers westward, for new farming opportunities, and the migration of African Americans from the South to northern cities in the early 1900s. These mass migrations caused economic, social and political effects to the country.

In the 1800s, the government through treaties, wars, and purchases acquired land all the way to the Pacific Ocean. It began offering the promise of new wealth to anyone who settled land in the western territories. Land was sold at cheap prices and settlers would get grain and grazing land, according to the advertisement poster from 1869. Railroad companies would sell land along the railroad for cheap prices to get people to move westward and use their rail lines which would help towns develop along their routes. People scrambled to find enough money to make the trip west where they found many more expenses and hardships, such as Native American attacks, drought, and grasshopper plagues. The need to move cattle long distances to sell meant leaving the women and young children at home, unprotected. As a result women became more independent as they took on more male responsibilities. Women got the right to vote in some western states because of the work they did to make farming and ranching successful. More voting and property rights encouraged more women to move west.

Not too long after post Civil War westward expansion began, people began moving to cities. According to document 2, the American West included the fastest growing cities in the nation. Farming and

ranching had grown more costly. Post Civil War, settlers had to spend thousands of dollars to buy their land and buy the equipment to work the land until it was good enough to plant crops and feed livestock. More and more farmers had began moving to cities as they became disappointed in western farm life.

Another effect of the westward expansion was the encroachment on Native American land. Document 3 mentions the governmental use of force and military troops to subdue the natives and force them onto reservations. The Trail of Tears was the forced movement of the Cherokee nation off of their homeland to land west of the Mississippi hundreds of miles away. After the Civil War, western settlers often had to worry about attacks on their homes because Native Americans, who had always lived on the Great Plains, were angry that they were losing their land and their way of life. Even the buffalo herds that they relied on were being destroyed. Battles between the Native Americans and the Army continued for many years.

Another mass migration was the African American migration in the early 20th century. African Americans moved from their homes in the South to northern cities in hope for a better life. In Langston Hughes poem, (Doc 4a) "One Way Ticket," the speaker talks about picking up his life and moving anywhere but the South. Many people were tired of the injustice of Jim Crow laws and feared for their lives, due to lynch mobs and white Supremacists. Doc 4b talks about African American sharecroppers leaving the South due to them being treated unfairly when they sold their crops. The landowners would take as much profit as they could, often leaving the sharecroppers with little to nothing to live on and a lot of debt that would be hard to pay off.



The mass migration of African Americans to the north sparked a new culture emergence. They felt better about their lives and encouraged more of their families and friends still living in the South to move north. African Americans were mixing their old cultures and beliefs with northern ideas while sections of cities and neighborhoods became segregated. There were more job opportunities in the north where caucasians and African Americans sometimes worked side by side in the factories. There were more workers to deal with and there were less chances for African Americans to be racially discriminated against at least during World War I. After the war, some workers feared that African Americans would keep the jobs they had taken while the soldiers were at war. Competition for jobs and changing neighborhoods made some northern whites angry. Despite prejudice, many African Americans made successful lives for themselves in the North. They overcame many obstacles and made great strides towards ending racial discrimination.

Throughout history, there have been many migrations in the United States. Two mass migrations include the westward expansion of the 1800s and the mass migration of African Americans to northern cities. Both migrations affected the economy, as well as politics and social groups. They left social, political, and economic changes for many years after.

### Anchor Level 3-A

#### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task with some depth for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is more descriptive than analytical (*settlers*: railroads sold land to get people to move west; helped towns develop along railroad routes; need to move cattle long distances meant leaving women and young children at home unprotected; women more independent as they took on more responsibilities; people began moving to cities; became disappointed in western farm life; Native Americans angry that they were losing their land; *African Americans*: moved from homes in South to northern cities in hope of a better life; tired of injustice of Jim Crow laws and feared for lives; mixed old cultural beliefs with northern ideas; sections of cities and neighborhoods became segregated; more job opportunities in north where Caucasians and African Americans sometimes worked side by side in factories; competition for jobs and changing neighborhoods made some northern whites angry; overcame many obstacles and made great strides toward ending racial discrimination)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: in 1800s, government acquired land to Pacific Ocean through treaties, wars, and purchases; found Native American attacks, drought, and grasshopper plagues; women got right to vote in some western states because of work they did to make farming and ranching successful; more voting and property rights encouraged more women to move west; Trail of Tears forced movement of Cherokee nation to land west of Mississippi; battles between Native Americans and Army continued for many years; *African Americans*: landowners often left sharecroppers with little to live on and a lot of debt; after World War I, some workers feared African Americans would keep jobs they had taken while at war)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: land for cheap prices; grain and grazing land; fastest growing cities in nation; destruction of buffalo herds; *African Americans*: Langston Hughes; “One-Way Ticket”; lynch mobs; white supremacists)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that is slightly beyond a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that is a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The strength of the response is in the discussion of the effects of each migration which includes some good analytic statements and details. The discussion of African Americans is framed by document interpretation.

Migration throughout the history of the United States has caused many social, political, and economic effects on the nation. We are able to see how the migration of one group sparks or helps develop people's way of life. The movement of settlers westward during the 1800s and the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century are prime examples of how migration has impacted our nation.

To begin, westward expansion has caused many effects on the United States. During the 1800s there were many reasons for people to move out west. To some, the west served as a new adventure where people would be able to acquire a better life. Many people packed their things in a wagon and traveled trails like the Oregon Trail through difficult conditions for days and weeks to get to the west. Although the west offered acres upon acres of land that families could move to in order to farm and make money most family lots were only 160 acres. (Document 1a). Settlers who were new to the west described moving there as "a better life beyond the far horizon." This also helped shape the role of women as they were more equal partners when it came to doing daily chores. Women were appreciated in a different way in the west as they took care of far more than the home and the children while men were out hunting for food (Document 1b). The expansion out west made farming and ranching a more costly business (Document 2). Farms and ranches had a high overhead and getting produce and cattle to market was never easy. Overcharged by railroads for sending goods short distances, farmers fought back through groups such as the Grange. Even though westward expansion had a lot of positive effects, it left Native Americans in a rough spot.

Native Americans were forced onto reservations and for most, their way of life was ruined (Document 3). Traditions such as hunting for buffalo ended when the white man killed them off in order to use their hides to ship back East. This ruined the nomadic life of the Native Americans. Westward expansion took away the spacious Frontier the Native Americans once knew and loved.

Another example of migration that effected the United States was the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 1900s. Even though African Americans were granted freedom from slavery it did not end their fear of the white man. Whether trying to vote or just walking down the street they knew there could be a confrontation. A worse case situation could mean death by lynching without due process. They became fed up with Jim Crow laws which limited the freedom that they had. They could only go to certain schools or movie theaters or drink from certain water fountains. African Americans were starting to look North where they felt they would have better opportunities (Document 4a § 4b). Moving to the North would also help blacks escape the terror of the Klu Klux Klan (otherwise known as the KKK). This group emerged in the South as a way to silence black people and take away their new rights brought about by the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. Unfortunately they would also find the Ku Klux Klan in some areas of the North. The Great Migration increased the number of blacks in the North and West who were free to protest and vote. Protesting and voting would give them more say in politics and a way to stand up for their rights. In the North blacks would have better paying jobs such as factory workers as well as laborers, servants and waiters. A huge result of this

migration were ghettos (black neighborhoods). These neighborhoods served as a place where black culture could be celebrated, people could express themselves, and African Americans could have a more independent life in the cities. Later on the ghetto would become something different as it became a prime place for violence (Document 5) and poverty. As the African American population grew over decades, increasing numbers of whites left the cities and left behind a decreasing tax base. Opportunities for African Americans became far fewer as many industries moved to the Sunbelt (Document 9).

In conclusion, migrations throughout U.S. history have had major impacts on our societies and nation. The Great Migration as well as westward expansion are great examples of how migration has impacted and shaped America.

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### Anchor Level 3-B

#### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task with some depth for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is more descriptive than analytical (*settlers*: West served as new adventure where people were able to acquire a better life; West offered acres of land families could move to and make money; West helped shape role of women as more equal partners when it came to daily chores; *African Americans*: whether trying to vote or just walking down street, they knew there could be a confrontation; worse case situation could mean death by lynching; Jim Crow laws limited freedom; better opportunities in North; Ku Klux Klan in some areas of North; protesting and voting would give them more say in politics and a way to stand up for their rights; would have better paying jobs such as factory work in North as well as laborers, servants, and waiters; ghettos served as places where black culture could be celebrated; opportunities for African Americans have become far fewer as many industries moved to the Sunbelt)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: many people packed their wagon and traveled through difficult conditions for days and weeks to get to West; farms and ranches had high overhead and getting produce and cattle to market was never easy; railroads overcharged for sending goods short distances; traditions such as hunting for buffalo ended when white men killed them off; nomadic life of Native Americans ruined with killing of buffalo; *African Americans*: could only go to certain schools or movie theaters or drink from certain water fountains; moving North would help them escape terror of Ku Klux Klan; Ku Klux Klan emerged in South as a way to silence black people and take away new rights brought by 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments; increasing numbers of whites left cities and left behind a decreasing tax base)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Oregon Trail; Grange; reservations; frontier; *African Americans*: granted freedom from slavery; due process)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that restate the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. Although the response includes some good statements focusing on the social and cultural effects of each migration, additional facts and details would have strengthened the discussion. Some good relevant outside information supports document information.

Throughout United States history, there has been many large-scale migrations of American citizens. These migrations have affected the nation in economic, social, and political ways. Examples of these large-scale migrations include the westward movement of settlers during the 1800s and the Northern migration of African Americans during the early 20th century.

During the 1800s, many Americans began settling west of the Mississippi River. This began after the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the nation. The new land gave new opportunities for many industries, especially railroads. The federal government gave land grants and subsidies to railroads because they were expensive to build. In order to settle the west, railroads such as the transcontinentals were needed to connect the east with the west. These railroads would sell land for a bargain price to encourage settlement inside railroad lines. In Nebraska in 1869, millions of acres of land were almost donated to settlers of the west. (Doc 1a) Immigrants, African Americans, and religious groups such as the Mormons migrated to areas in the west for farming opportunities and a chance to prosper. The effect of this western migration was beneficial to many, but had a negative effect on the lives of Native Americans. Many Native American tribes that inhabited territory east of the Mississippi were removed to west of the Mississippi in the late 1830s and were told they would be safe from white settlement. As settlers moved further west, they weren't safe. They had been forced to migrate and resettle by legal chicanery and military force and they would be forced to move again. Native Americans were increasingly forced onto smaller reservations with the promise that they would be protected. They could

become farmers as the government thought this was important for assimilation. Their children could go to boarding schools where they could be educated to become more like whites. Almost nothing worked out well for the Native Americans. (Doc 3) The westward expansion of settlers effected many settlers positively because of new land, farming, and job opportunities, but had a negative effect on Native Americans that had previously inhabited that land and now were pushed aside.

In the early 20th century, there was an increase in migration of African Americans to the north. There were a few primary causes for this increase in settlement. The Jim Crow Laws that were in place during this time period were a great contributor towards this migration. The Jim Crow Laws were laws in place in the south that legalized and enforced segregation of the races. Many African Americans were fed up with this system of inequality, and began leaving southern states to move north where they felt there was less inequality and these laws were not in place. (Doc 4a) This migration of African Americans had initiated a new era in their political life, along with American political life in whole. An increase in the number of blacks in the north and west, where they were free to protest and vote, increased their involvement in American society. (Doc 5) Many landmark developments of the 20th century were in part also results of this migration. During the Depression many New Deal programs were extended to them which resulted in an electoral realignment toward the Democrats and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. More African Americans would be able to join unions like the CIO and their numbers helped increase membership and power. The



battle for civil rights that began after World War II was an outcome of the massive demographic shift of African Americans to the north as they increased their involvement in causes that were important to them. (Doc 6) Even though the Jim Crow Laws were negative and segregated toward African Americans, they were a great contributor to the northern migration of blacks, which affected the country by promoting more equality and respect for minorities.

The many migrations that have occurred throughout the history of the United States contributed to the making of the modern nation we know today. Some of these migrations had a negative effect on society during that time, but many resulted in positive outcomes for the nation. Without these migrations in the past, the United States would not be the same great world power as it is today.

### Anchor Level 3-C

#### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task with some depth for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is more descriptive than analytical (*settlers*: land gave new opportunities for many industries especially railroads; railroads sold land for bargain price to encourage settlement inside railroad lines; many Native American tribes that inhabited territory east of Mississippi were removed west of Mississippi in late 1830s and told they would be safe from white settlement; Native Americans forced to move again; almost nothing worked out well for Native Americans; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws in place in the South; increase in number of blacks in north and west where they were free to protest and vote; battle for civil rights that began after World War II was an outcome of massive demographic shift of African Americans; they increased their involvement in causes important to them; migration promoted more equality and respect for minorities)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: federal government gave land grants and subsidies to railroads; transcontinental railroads needed to connect east with west; immigrants, African Americans, and religious groups such as Mormons migrated for farming opportunities and chance to prosper; Native Americans could become farmers as government thought this important for assimilation; Native American children could go to boarding schools where educated to become more like whites; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws legalized and enforced segregation of races)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Louisiana Purchase; reservations; *African Americans*: Depression; New Deal programs; electoral realignment; increased union membership; Franklin D. Roosevelt; CIO)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that is somewhat beyond a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. Further development of historical circumstances leading to each migration would have strengthened the response. The discussion of the effects of each migration includes some good references that lack development.

Our entire nation and government began with immigration. People of the European countries came to America in search of a better land and life. Throughout our history many have come and immigrated to our country. However also within our own country people have migrated and moved to other places within the United States. In the 1800 many people began to move westward and in the early 1900 many African Americans began to move up north.

The United States had always had a dream of “Sea to Shining Sea”, of populating and settling the entire United States. This dream began to become a reality in the 1800 when many people from the east began to move west. People moved west because land was being offered for free (or for very cheap) to those willing to move west (Doc. 1a). People also moved because the Transcontinental Railroad was completed in the late 1700 so it became easier to move out west. The railroad also caused new cities to open and people moved west in search of opportunity. As a result of this west migration the Native American Indians suffered a lot. They were forced to give up their land to new settlers and had to move onto reservations (Doc. 3). These reservations were often the least desirable lands that were not suitable for planting which made it hard to live on. The western Americans also disturbed the Indian traditional way of life by often dividing and breaking up tribes, killing their main supply of buffalo and forcing them to assimilate. Another effect of people moving out west was that the west became more urban and city like (Doc. 2). The west changed from being a country like place to becoming a place of economic growth. Many cities began to form in the west such as Omaha, Denver and San Francisco. This expansion succeeded in fulfilling the American dream of “Sea to Shining Sea”.

Another migration within the United States occurred in the early 20th century when many African Americans began to move up north. The African Americans were slaves in the South until the late 1860 when the Civil War was won by the North. However the Southern whites still continued to discriminate the Blacks. They made Jim Crow Laws that would prevent blacks from receiving rights such as voting. Because of this many blacks would move north where they would be treated better (Doc. 4a). Blacks would also migrate to the north in search of better economic opportunity. (Doc. 4). The north was industrialized and had factories that needed cheap unskilled workers and the blacks would end up working there. As a result of the black migration to the north the Blacks were more free and not directly under a white ruler. This enabled them to express themselves more freely than they could in the South. Because of this many blacks began to demand social change and they began taking part of Political life in America (Doc. 6). They would demand, protest and riot to get laws passed to help end segregation in America. This ended up being the basis for The Civil Rights Movement that eventually succeeded in gaining equal rights for all black people.

The history of the United States has been strongly affected by migration. Whether the initial immigration of the colonists coming to the new America in search of a better life, or the people within America moving from one area to another, migration has had resounding affects on American society that have created the history of our nation today.

## Anchor Level 2-A

### **The response:**

- Minimally develops all aspects of the task for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is primarily descriptive (*settlers*: dream began to become a reality in 1800s when many people from the east began to move west; land being offered for free; railroad caused new cities to open; Native American Indians forced to give up land; reservations often least desirable lands not suitable for planting; Native American Indian traditional way of life often disturbed by western settlers; west became more urban and city like; west changed from being a country-like place to becoming a place of economic growth; *African Americans*: Southern whites continued to discriminate against blacks; blacks migrated in search of better economic opportunities; able to express themselves more freely than in the south; many blacks began to demand social change and began taking part in American political life)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6
- Presents some relevant outside information (*settlers*: western settlers often divided and broke up tribes, killed main supply of buffalo, and forced Native American Indians to assimilate; *African Americans*: slaves until late 1860s when Civil War won by North; would demand, protest, and riot to get laws passed to help end segregation; civil rights movement eventually succeeded in gaining equal rights for blacks)
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: formation of Omaha, Denver, and San Francisco; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws; cheap unskilled workers); includes an inaccuracy (*settlers*: transcontinental railroad completed in the late 1700s)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that state our nation began with immigration

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. A methodical presentation of relevant document information and occasional references to outside information is the basis of the discussion. The response lacks development and relies on sweeping generalizations.

Throughout history, migration has effected the United States over and over again. Migration has caused political change and economic change in many regions of the U.S. The Great Migration of the African Americans and the movement of settlers westward are only two examples of how the U.S. was affected by migration.

When African Americans moved North, they were trying to escape racism and segregation. In document 4a, the author, Langston Hughes says he moved north because he was “fed up with Jim Crow Laws”. The hatred African Americans faced in the South was almost unbearable. In document 4b, Isabel Wilkerson describes that living in the South was like being stuck in a caste system, like in India they were treated like untouchables. African Americans were scared to even look at the wrong person. When they moved to the North, they found a more accepting place. The blacks found new jobs in factories where they felt less controlled by their white employers. Black neighborhoods grew and so did black pride and self expression. (Document 5). The migration also caused the civil rights movement to be pushed into gear. Document 6 credits the civil rights, the New Deal and industrial unionism to the movement of the African Americans.

The movement of settlers to the west was caused by the promise of a new life. Advertisements such as 1a promised land for those who want or need it. This gave people hope for a new beginning. The major effect of this migration is a little more grim than others. In trying to make the land safe for the settlers, the government forced Native Americans off their own land. The Natives were either forced of using the military or the government used “trickery” to get them to sign treaties (Document 3). Native Americans were killed by our weapons and

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desires and forced of their home lands into reservations.

The migration of people always causes a change, weather it be good or bad. For the African Americans there migration improved their lives and caused no real harm. The migration westward gave many people homes and new lifes, but it also ended some lives and created a bad relationship with the people whos land we claimed as our own.

**Anchor Level 2-B****The response:**

- Minimally develops all aspects of the task for migrations of African Americans and settlers
- Is primarily descriptive (*African Americans*: hatred they faced in the South almost unbearable; living in the South was like being stuck in a caste system; found a more accepting place in North; found new jobs in factories where they felt less controlled by their white employers; black pride and self-expression grew; caused civil rights movement to be pushed into gear; *settlers*: promise of a new life; advertisements promised land for those who wanted or needed it; in trying to make land safe for settlers, government forced Native Americans off their own land; Native Americans were forced off by using the military or government “trickery” to get them to sign treaties; Native Americans killed by our weapons and diseases)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Presents little relevant outside information (*African Americans*: treated like untouchables had been in India)
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*African Americans*: Jim Crow laws; black neighborhoods; *settlers*: reservations); includes an inaccuracy (*African Americans*: Langston Hughes said he moved north because he was fed up with Jim Crow laws)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that expresses an opinion of the overall effect of these migrations

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. The response is primarily comprised of document information with minimal explanation. The occasional attempts at analysis lack supporting details and development.

Large scale migrations of Americans have occurred throughout United States history. These migrations have had economic, social, and political effects on the nation. These migration includes, the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century and the movement of people to the Sun Belt since World War II.

There were many causes that led to the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century. One cause was the Jim Crow laws. African-Americans were fed up with the cruel Jim Crow laws (doc. 4a). Another cause that led to the migration was the fear of whites. Blacks served individual whites on a personal basis and they could not escape close white supervision. The migration allowed blacks to work in factories with thousands of workers where their relationships with white employers was much less personal (doc 5). Another reason that led to this migration was the opportunities blacks would now have up north they would be able to protest and vote (doc 5). This migration had many effects on the United States and American Society. One effect this migration had on the United States was the landmark political developments of 20th century America – electoral realignments, the New deal, industrial unionis, the Great Society and the battle of the Civil rights would be difficult to imagine with the massive demographic shift (doc. 6). Another effect is the African American population would become nation and the world would become more urban and industrial rather than rural and agricultural (doc 6).

There were many causes that led to the movement of people to the Sun Belt since War World II. One cause that led to this migration was



the Mid-Atlantic states suffered an actual population decline in the 1970s as a out-migrant by almost 2 million. (doc 7). Another cause that led to this migration was the building of new industries, military facilities, educational institutions, transportation systems, and urban infra structure had attracted the services of engineers, managers, professors, technicians, and others with high end skills (doc 7). Another cause was Fortune 500 companies had been opening offices and branch plants and sometimes moving whole operations to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia (doc 7). This migration had many effects on the United States. One effect this migration had on the United States was the region that spans the Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to New Orleans includes the country's largest concentration of oil refines and petro chemical facilities. This means that the economy will grow more (doc 9b). Another effect was the water 2025. The dramatic population growth in the West region led to a drought. The drought was bearing down on cattle ranchers, farmers, vacationers, and city dwellers alike.

Large scale migrations of Americans have occurred throughout United States history. These migrations have economic, social, and political effects on the nation. These migrations include the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century and the movement of people to the Sun Belt since World War II.

## Anchor Level 2-C

### The response:

- Minimally develops all aspects of the task for migrations of African Americans to northern cities and people to the Sun Belt
- Is primarily descriptive (*African Americans*: served individual whites on a personal basis and could not escape close white supervision; migration allowed them to work in factories where relationships with employers much less personal; in the North they would be able to protest and vote; migration affected landmark political developments of 20th century such as electoral realignments, New Deal, industrial unions, Great Society, and battle for civil rights; *Sun Belt*: new infrastructure attracted services of engineers, managers, professors, technicians, and others with high-end skills; drought bore down on cattle ranches, farmers, vacationers, and city dwellers alike); includes faulty and weak application (*African Americans*: world became more urban and industrial rather than rural and agricultural; *Sun Belt*: Mid-Atlantic states suffering an actual population decline in the 1970s was a cause that led to the movement of people to the Sunbelt)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*African Americans*: Jim Crow laws; fear of whites; *Sun Belt*: new industries, military facilities, educational institutions, and transportation systems; Fortune 500 companies); includes an inaccuracy (*Sun Belt*: population growth in West led to drought)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. The response is dominated by direct quotations from the documents and demonstrates a limited understanding of the task. Document information is generally not explained, and as a result, its relationship to the task is not always clear.

Throughout American History, groups of people have migrated to different areas of the country by choice or by force. Two events that had social, political, and economic effects on the nation were the movement of settlers westward during the 1800's, and the movement of African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century.

In the 1800's, settlers moved westward by choice, trying to obtain a large amount of cheap land to farm. Posters advertised this land with phrases like "Lands for the Landless! Homes for the Homeless!" (Doc. 1a). As a result, cities grew very quickly, which accompanied the quick movement from rural farms to urban areas in the west. According to Geoffrey C. Ward, the migration westward by Americans was the most important migration in its time.

When African Americans were "fed up with Jim Crow Laws" as Langston Hughes was in 1949, they decided to move North (Doc. 4a). They did this to obtain a better life or job. Some were sharecroppers losing at settlement, some were typists wanting to work in an office (doc 4b). As a result of this migration, African Americans were living in areas where their voices would be heard, and they could protest and vote (doc 5).

Many migrations have caused great cultural shifts and changes in America, but two that had a big social, economic and political effect on Americans were the migrations of African Americans moving north and settlers moving west.

## Anchor Level 1-A

### The response:

- Minimally addresses some aspects of the task
- Is descriptive (*settlers*: in 1800s, settlers moved westward by choice trying to obtain a large amount of cheap land to farm; *African Americans*: moved North to obtain a better life or job; as a result of the migration, African Americans were living in areas where their voices would be heard and they could protest and vote); includes faulty application (*settlers*: cities grew very quickly, which accompanied the quick movement from rural farms to urban areas in the west)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 4, and 5
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: posters; “Lands for the Landless! Homes for the Homeless!”; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws; sharecroppers; typists)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that restate the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 1. The misapplication of document information indicates a limited understanding of the task. In addition, selected statements from the documents are not supported with facts and details.

Throughout the history of the U.S., many large scale migrations of people have occurred. Two of these migrations include the movement of settlers westward, and the movement of African Americans North. These migrations have caused political, social, and economic changes.

During the 1800's, settlers began moving west to start a new life. People at this time moved west because, the North was becoming crowded with new people and jobs were scarce so people would move west to start farming. Moving west was cheap and anyone could do it. This migration effected the U.S in many ways. As stated in document 2, the west became home to some of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. both socially and economically. Also as stated in document 3, this migration effected the Native Americans. Natives were forced to live on reservations to make room for all the new settlers.

Another migration in U.S. history was the movement of African Americans to the north in the early 1900's. As shown in documents 4a and 4b, the reason African Americans moved North was because of fear of the KKK and they wanted to avoid Jim Crow Laws. As stated in document 5, one effect of this migration on the African Americans is that they can enjoy their rights. Now they can vote without having to pass a test and live free of fear.

The U.S. has been effected in many ways because of migrations of big amounts of people. Social, economic, and physical changes have been caused by these movements on places and groups of people.

## Anchor Level 1-B

### **The response:**

- Minimally addresses some aspects of the task
- Is descriptive (*settlers*: West became home to some of fastest growing cities in United States; Native American Indians forced to live on reservations to make room for new settlers; *African Americans*: could enjoy rights in North; they could vote without having to pass a test and live free of fear)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Presents little relevant outside information (*African Americans*: they moved north because of fear of the Ku Klux Klan)
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Native Americans forced to live on reservations; *African Americans*: Jim Crow laws); includes inaccuracies (*settlers*: jobs were scarce in the North so people moved west to start farming; moving west was cheap)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that restate the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 1. Statements based on document information indicate a limited understanding of the task. The inclusion of few relevant supporting facts and details and some inaccuracies weaken the response.

America has had several massive migrations of people in the past. Migration of this magnitude can significantly change the economic and political power of the Nation. Two examples of such a situation include the movement of African Americans to the North in the early 20th Century and the movement of people to the Sun Belt in the post World War II era.

Even though African Americans had been given their rights after the Civil War in amendments stated in the Constitution they were still segregated and discriminated against especially in the South into the 20th century. Laws such as the Jim Crow laws severely limited the opportunities available to African Americans. Separating the races was a way the white South kept African Americans "in their place." Grandfather clauses and poll taxes discouraged African Americans from voting although they continued to try. It was not an uncommon occurrence for them to be lynched and assaulted after being falsely accused of acts of violence against whites or breaking laws. African Americans were angered by this racism and started to move to the Northern parts of the U.S. Both Langston Hughes poem "One-way Ticket" and the excerpt from Isabel Wilkerson's work describe discrimination and racism forcing African Americans to leave and make better lives in the North.

Since millions of people migrated North the population increase meant a significant boost to the influence that Northern States had in the House of Representatives and a significant loss of farm workers throughout the South. The most significant impact of the Great Migration was the introduction of a new culture to the society of the North. Since there was not nearly as much discrimination in the

North, African Americans were more free to express themselves, something they could not safely do in the South. In document 5 it states that African Americans developed their own communities in the “ghetto” of northern cities. Even though we know about the social issues faced by people living in the ghettos and the evils that can happen there, they became centers for Black Pride and self expression and “the new Negro” in the 1920s. As African Americans were celebrating their culture and themselves as individuals, intolerance and racism became more widespread in the North as the migration continued. Race riots occurred in cities and Ku Klux Klan activities increased.

Another equally significant Migration was the movement to the Sun Belt in the post WWII era. Some people moved to the suburbs after WWII and others made bigger moves farther away from their home towns to the Sunbelt. The leading cause of the millions heading south was its extremely fast growing economy. Just like the African Americans in the early 20th century who were looking for better jobs, many Americans were looking for better jobs in the Sunbelt after WWII. The interstate highway system built in the 1950s and growing automobile ownership helped make this migration possible. Document 7 accounts for the creation of new industries, military factories, educational institutions, and transportation systems. The South needed laborers and people went where it was easiest to get a job. It started out mostly with white people moving south, but as segregation and discrimination towards African Americans lessened, some of them went South as well because their family roots were there.

As people flocked to the South in the millions as a result of their



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flourishing economy the southern states gained political power as outlined in document 8b and some states lost 6 or more seats in the House of Representatives in the North. Some Southern states gained 8-10 seats. The South was now a political and economic powerhouse with great influence over national policies such as immigration. Several presidents after WWII have come from Sunbelt states. To this day many companies prefer the Sunbelt because taxes are lower. But the Sunbelt migration seems to have slowed a bit and population as well as businesses seem more balanced than it was in the late 20th century.

Large migrations of people particularly in the 20th century have had, and continue to have a huge effect on American society. Events such as the movement of African Americans to the North in the early 20th century and the movement of people to the South in the post WWII era significantly altered the political and economic structure of the country.

America is constantly evolving, primarily because of large scale population changes. All aspects of America: political, economic, and social, are impacted by migrations to and from different regions. Of such migrations, both the movement of settlers westward and the movement of people to the Sunbelt post-World War II have irrevocably changed the dynamic of American society.

The movement of settlers westward had important economic, social, and political implications on not only the west, but on the entire nation as well. With the expansion west of the Appalachian mountains after the acquisition of territory from the Louisiana Purchase, land was made attractive to back country settlers through a series of federal policies. Of them, as the 1869 poster reveals, the Homestead Act granted free land to settlers as long as they agreed to farm it for a minimum number of years. (Doc 1) Such policies attracted a migration of settlers into Western territory that greatly increased the urban population in those states. (Doc 2) This migration had consequences, however, of them being increased conflict with Native American tribes and their eventual removal from ancestral lands. (Doc 3)

The movement of people to the Sunbelt post-World War II also affected America economically, politically, and socially. This migration was brought about by a developing Southern economy, which attracted white-collared workers and skilled professionals, such as engineers, technicians, bankers, and more. (Doc 7) This movement of people subsequently attracted capital investment into the region, with the likes of Fortune 500 companies. This migration certainly changes the political dynamic of the U.S. As the population in the Sunbelt now

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exceeds that of the Northeast and Midwest, the Southern states now have greater congressional representation and affect future policies. (Doc 8a)

In conclusion both of these migrations have had a large impact on America's political, economic and social dynamic. Migration westward spurred rapid urban development, but also straining of natural resources as addressed by water 2025. (Doc 9a) Migration south has spurred investment in many industries including natural gas production, technology, entertainment, and banking. (Doc 9b) Clearly, migrations of people reflect the political, economic, and social changes in the United States.

Over the years, America has endured depressions and years of great prosperity. This caused many shifts in migration within the country itself as people kept moving places that helped them financially & provided them with a better life. Two instances where this can be seen is with the Great migration of African Americans and the migration/expansion westward. The migration of African Americans was more influenced by society and the expansion westward was influed by financial needs.

African Americans after years of oppression finally managed to gain there independence however there were still people and laws in the south that prevented them from living a normal life. There was the practice of lynching (Doc 4b) that led to a lot of fear within the African American community and laws like the Jim Crow laws which still limited their participation in the community. This build up of fear and the still continuing unfairness led to the African Americans to migrate out of the south to cities in the North and the south. This migration caused a change in the mentality of the African Americans, they felt more free to express their opposition to oppression. They felt comfortable with holding protest & being more open with their opinions (Doc 5). There was more sense of freedom.

Similar to this was the expansion westward even though this based more on financial situations rather than social situations. Most people felt that moving westward would provide them with more opportunities and a better life (Doc 1b). They had in mind the futures of their children and a better economic situation for them however, this had an effect on those who were already occupying the land. Native Americans who lived there were pushed out of their land treated badly

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and were moved to reserves (Doc 3) and example of this is the trail of tears where many Native Americans died when forced to migrate away from their land.

So overall, there have been many instances in the history of United States where people have migrated based on social and financial needs some of which consist of the Migration of African Americans and the Migration westward.

Population has an important role in the prosperity of an area ranging from a small city to half a nation. Throughout the history of the United States of America, perhaps the greatest economic, social, and even political impacts have occurred in areas of flourishing population caused by migrations. Destination areas for settlement have allowed for the development of new industries and jobs, more equality, and more political involvement. The noteworthy beginning of this pattern could easily be the westward-bound pioneers much admired today, but the pattern is also evident in other historic time periods, such as the Great Migration during and following World War I. Both the westward Expansion and the Great Migration represent times of controversy and change for the United States, but each also portray times of prosperity as well.

Expansion was an early goal of the newly established United States. Even prior to the American Revolution, colonists yearned to extend the power of the thirteen colonies westward and rejected British attempts to keep them east of the Appalachians (D1). Upon Thomas Jefferson's debated purchase of the Louisiana Territory, Manifest Destiny became a very real, achievable goal especially after explorers returned from their treks out west (D1). Gradually the United States' government began attempting to persuade citizens to resettle west of the Mississippi River with the sale of cheap land. (Docs 1a & 1b). Using the Homestead Act of 1862 and appealing to the conventionally adventurous American spirit, the government made promises of rich farmland and land on which to build homes (Docs. 1a, 1b). Slowly, some Americans became pioneers and the movement gained momentum in the 1870's and 1880's. Assured that the federal

government would organize Western territories and they would eventually become states settlers felt confident about going westward. The growth of the west led to a number of new states, being added to the Union. Pioneers who wanted to be farmers, ranchers, and businessmen alike were moving west and were establishing communities just like the colonists had many years before. The difference was the frontier became the Pacific Ocean far from the Appalachian mountains. (Docs. 1b, 2). To further appeal to pioneers and their sense of security (O1), presidents after Andrew Jackson began to relocate more Native American tribes to smaller plots of land to prevent the hindrance of successful US expansion (Doc 3). The westward migration and massive population growth of that region led to economic boosts for the entire nation due to thriving farms, cattle ranches and new industries such as meat packing. It also promoted nationalism except when it promoted sectionalism in arguments over slavery. (Doc. 2). Unfortunately, the achievement of manifest destiny was not appealing to all. The Native Americans faced harsh and adverse conditions, once again forced to surrender their land and cope with the government's discriminatory regulations. The pioneer days however were times of growing prosperity and national growth, due to the settlement and success of the western frontier.

The end of World War I initiated one of the United States' most prosperous and all-around celebratory decades: the Roaring Twenties (O1). The entrance of the US into the "Great War" and the launch of the 1920's provided the perfect time for Southern African-Americans to again seek their liberties. Conditions in the South following the withdrawal of Northern military occupants and the termination of

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**Document-Based Essay—Practice Paper – D**

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political restrictions returned to the familiar system of white supremacy known to African Americans before the Civil War. (01). Jim Crow laws, which segregated public facilities and the intimidation of black voters (01) became a part of Southern life and Black rights were hardly recognized (Docs. 4a, 4b). Southern African Americans became convinced that escaping to the North and west was the only way they could improve their lives. Although it wouldn't be easy at least there was more hope than a life spent in debt and sharecropping. In the North, jobs left behind by soldiers were available even though affordable housing was not. Also there would be more schools in the North. More African Americans would eventually be able to move into the middle class. (Docs 4a, 4b, 5). The blacks could openly use their liberties without fear of Southern retaliation (Doc. 5). Black communities and organizations were established, allowing a new unity within the race (Doc. 5, 6). Shared experiences, living in ghettos, fighting in World War I, and facing continuing discrimination led to demands for new rights. Living in the North made many African Americans think differently about their future and made them more assertive. It prepared them for protests, boycotts, and marches in the 1950's and the 1960's.



Throughout American history, circumstances have led mass migrations to occur. New lands, opportunities and promises of a better life have driven these groups of people to seek out migration. Two major migrations have occurred, one in the 1800's in which people moved westward, and one in the early 20th century where people moved north. There are several push and pull factors for any migration, and there are many affects that are left from these events.

In the early 1800's, America was still a relatively new country, with much of the population settled along the east coast. Geographical obstacles such as the Rocky Mountains and much unexplored land stood in the way of westward movement. As the United States began to get more land, people became interested in moving west. After the Louisiana Purchase and the Mexican American War, the size of the country nearly trippled. Exploration showed the possibilities and potential of the west and people began to make their plans to move westward. One major motivation for people to move to the west was the avaiiability of millions of acres of land to farm. (Document 1a) For years people were asking the government to give free land to farmers who were willing to go west. But not everyone was in favor of this. Finally during the Civil War the government issued the Homestead Act, providing free land to anyone that could productively manage 160 acres of land for five years. Railroads were built to allow for easier movement of people and farm goods, connecting the east and the west. The need for railroads was sparked by the great distances involved as the migration of population shifted from the east to the west. It was important to connect valuable western territories such as far away California to the rest of the country. Railroads helped to create a large

national market for farm goods. Railroads also carried mail so western settlers could stay in contact with the rest of the country. New towns and cities sprang up along major railroads, contributing to urbanization of the west which became even more widespread as hard times hit more homestead farmers in the 1890's. (Document 2)

During the late 1800's and early 1900's, industrialization and urbanization boomed in the north, as factories popped up and big business became common place. In the south, racial prejudice and inequality raged on despite the work of Radical Republicans. Job availability for African Americans was extremely low because of discrimination and the economic losses resulting from the Civil War. Living conditions were harsh not only for sharecroppers but for almost all newly freed men. As the United States approached entry into World War I (WWI) in the mid 1910's, even though we were neutral many industries shifted from producing consumer goods to supplying military necessities. Before the U.S entered the war in 1917, many new jobs were created. African Americans began to migrate north towards hopes of jobs and less racial prejudice. (Document 4a). New neighborhoods known as ghettos rose, as African Americans started settling in northern cities. (Document 6) African Americans felt secure in these ghettos because their churches, schools, and restaurants were there. Because of these new black communities, a new cultural revolution took place, known as the Harlem Renaissance in New York. Almost all northern cities had a cultural experience based on black values. From this came new ideas of art, poetry, literature and music. Many of these artistic expressions revolved around African American life experiences and inspiration. Some writers, like

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Langston Hughes, write about moving north to escape racial injustices, to cities such as Buffalo and New York City. (Document 4a) The new styles of music that moved North from the Deep South during the Great Migration called jazz and blues influence our music today.

Mass migrations have influenced and changed America in many ways. Population shifts, cultural changes and political shifts influence many everyday things, even now in the 21st century!

**Practice Paper A—Score Level 3****The response:**

- Develops all aspects of the task with some depth for African Americans and people to the Sun Belt
- Is more descriptive than analytical (*African Americans*: after Civil War, they were still segregated and discriminated against in South; Jim Crow laws severely limited opportunities available to African Americans; migration meant significant influence in House of Representative for North and significant loss of farm workers throughout South; introduction of new culture to society of North; in North, they were more free to express themselves, something they could not do safely in South; ghettos became centers for black pride and self-expression in 1920s; *Sun Belt*: many Americans looking for better jobs in Sunbelt after World War II; South needed laborers and people went where easiest to get a job; some states in North lost seats in House of Representatives; South become political and economic powerhouse with great influence over national policies)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Incorporates limited relevant outside information (*African Americans*: after Civil War, given rights in amendments to Constitution; intolerance and racism became more widespread in North as migration continued; race riots occurred in cities and Ku Klux Klan activities increased; *Sun Belt*: interstate highway system and growing automobile ownership helped make migration possible; started out with white people moving south; as segregation and discrimination toward African Americans lessened, some of them went south because family roots were there; migration to Sunbelt seems to have slowed a bit; population as well as businesses seem to be more balanced than in late 20th century)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (*African Americans*: grandfather clauses; poll taxes; lynched and assaulted; Langston Hughes; “One-Way Ticket”; *Sun Belt*: new industries; military factories; educational institutions; transportation systems)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that state massive migrations can significantly change the economic and political power of the nation

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The discussion of the African American migration integrates some good analytical statements and limited outside information. The discussion of the Sunbelt includes more outside references but less analysis. Conclusions about the African American experience and the effects of Sunbelt political power are thoughtful.

## Practice Paper B—Score Level 2

### The response:

- Develops some aspects of the task in some depth for migrations of settlers westward and people to the Sun Belt
- Is primarily descriptive (*settlers*: land made attractive to settlers through a series of federal policies; Homestead Act granted land to settlers as long as they agreed to farm it for a minimum number of years; migration greatly increased urban population in western states; migration led to increased conflict with Native American tribes and their eventual removal from ancestral lands; migration westward spurred a strain on natural resources such as water; *Sun Belt*: developing southern economy attracted white-collar workers and skilled professionals; attracted capital investment to region; changed political dynamic of United States; South now has greater congressional representation than Northeast and Midwest; spurred investment in many industries)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*Sun Belt*: engineers, technicians, and bankers; Fortune 500 companies); includes an inaccuracy (*settlers*: expansion west of Appalachian Mountains after acquisition of territory from Louisiana Purchase)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are somewhat beyond a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. Document information frames the response. Although an understanding of the task is demonstrated, the response needs additional facts and details to explain broad statements.

## Practice Paper C—Score Level 2

### The response:

- Develops some aspects of the task in little depth for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is primarily descriptive (*African Americans*: people and laws in the South prevented them from living a normal life; practice of lynching led to a lot of fear within the African American community; migration caused a change in their mentality, they felt more free to express opposition to oppression; felt comfortable holding protests; *settlers*: moving westward would provide them with more opportunities and a better life; concerned about the future of their children; Native Americans pushed out of their land, treated badly, and moved to reservations)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 3, 4, and 5
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes very few relevant facts, examples, and details (*African Americans*: Jim Crow laws; *settlers*: Trail of Tears)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that state migrations are based on social and financial needs

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. The development of the task is stronger for the migration of African Americans to the North. A lack of supporting facts and details hampers the development of historical circumstances for the movement of settlers westward.

## Practice Paper D—Score Level 4

### The response:

- Develops all aspects of the task for migrations of settlers westward during the 1800s and African Americans to northern cities in the early 20th century
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*settlers*: government began attempting to persuade citizens to resettle west of Mississippi; movement gained momentum in 1870s and 1880s; settlers assured that federal government would organize western territories; farmers, ranchers, and businessmen were establishing communities; Native Americans faced harsh conditions, forced to surrender land, and cope with government's discriminatory regulations; population growth led to economic boosts for entire nation; *African Americans*: entrance of United States into Great War provided perfect time for southern African Americans to seek liberties; Jim Crow laws and intimidation of black voters part of Southern life; African Americans convinced escaping north and west only way to improve lives; more hope in North than life spent in debt and sharecropping; jobs left behind by soldiers available even though affordable housing was not; shared experiences, living in ghettos, fighting in World War I, and facing continuing discrimination led to demands for new rights)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: prior to American Revolution, colonists yearned to extend power of thirteen colonies westward and rejected British attempts to keep them east of Appalachians; with Thomas Jefferson's debated purchase of Louisiana Territory, Manifest Destiny became achievable goal; growth of west led to number of new states being added to Union; presidents after Andrew Jackson began to relocate more Native American tribes to smaller plots of land; promoted nationalism except when it promoted sectionalism in arguments over slavery; *African Americans*: conditions in South following withdrawal of Northern military occupants and termination of political restrictions returned to familiar white supremacy circumstances known to African Americans before Civil War; segregated public facilities; more able to move into middle class; living in North prepared them for protests, boycotts, and marches in 1950s and 1960s)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Homestead Act of 1862; promise of rich farmland; thriving farms, cattle ranches, and new industries; *African Americans*: Roaring Twenties; Jim Crow laws)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction that states westward expansion and the Great Migration represent times of controversy and prosperity and lacks a conclusion

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. The treatment of westward migration includes some thoughtful statements about the federal government's role in promoting settlement. Document interpretation leads to good analytical conclusions throughout the response; however further explanation would have strengthened the discussion.

## Practice Paper E—Score Level 3

### The response:

- Develops most aspects of the task with little depth for migrations of settlers and African Americans
- Is more descriptive than analytical (*settlers*: exploration showed possibilities and potential of West; major motivation was the availability of millions of acres of land to farm; free land to anyone who could productively manage 160 acres for five years; railroads built to allow for easier movement of people and farm goods and to connect east and west; urbanization of west became more widespread as hard times hit more homestead farmers in 1890s; *African Americans*: in the South, racial prejudice and inequality raged on; living conditions harsh for almost all newly freedmen; African Americans began to migrate north in hopes of jobs and less racial prejudice; many artistic expressions revolved around African American life experiences)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 1, 2, 4, and 6
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*settlers*: geographical obstacles such as Rocky Mountains and much unexplored land stood in way of westward movement; after Louisiana Purchase and Mexican American War, size of country nearly tripled; important to connect valuable western territories to rest of country; railroads carried mail so western settlers could stay in contact with rest of country; *African Americans*: job availability extremely low because of discrimination and economic losses resulting from Civil War; as United States approached entry into World War I, many industries shifted from producing consumer goods to supplying military necessities; almost all northern cities had a cultural experience based on black values; new ideas in art, poetry, literature, and music; new styles of music called jazz and blues influence our music today)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (*settlers*: Homestead Act; California; new towns and cities; *African Americans*: Radical Republicans; sharecroppers; Harlem Renaissance; ghettos; Langston Hughes; Great Migration)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are slightly beyond a restatement of the theme

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. Some good analytical statements, found throughout the narrative, are supported by relevant outside information. Although the description of historical circumstances is sufficient, the discussion of effects is lacking full explanation in most cases.

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## Part I Multiple-Choice Questions by Standard

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3—Geography	1, 21, 33, 46
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## Parts II and III by Theme and Standard

	Theme	Standards
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Document-based Essay	Migration; Places and Regions; Civic Values; Presidential Decisions and Actions; Environment	Standards 1, 3, 4, and 5: United States and New York History; Geography; Economics; Civics, Citizenship, and Government

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