

Story Guide "Black Frontiers"



The selection is called a photo essay because:

Name three things you have learned about black homesteaders?

Name one advantage and one disadvantage of sod houses.

Do you agree that homesteading would be difficult? Why or why not?

What did pioneers in Kansas and Nebraska build their homes of?

What was the main problem with the soddies?

Why did people in North and South Dakota often burrow into the ground under an earthen roof?

What did pioneer women often burn to keep a fire going?

How can you tell that the black pioneers had a good relationship with the Indians?

The Indians in the Southwest taught the women how to make soap and shampoo out of what?

What two things were adobe houses built out of?

When did Benjamin Singleton buy part of the Cherokee reservation to start an all-black community?

Why do you think Benjamin Singleton's project was successful?

By 1879, what did the 800 homesteaders who had left the Old South do?

Why did some black farmers break ground with shovels and spades?

What did the white farmers who were already in Kansas do to help the new homesteaders?

What did George Washington Bush do when he went to the Oregon Territory?

What were Nicodemus and Dunlap?

How did Nicodemus and Dunlap celebrate Emancipation Day each year?

What did the town of Nicodemus start doing in 1907?

Pretend you are an exoduster or a black homesteader. Write a journal entry describing a day in your life.