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OF THEM
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JUST FOR KIDS

BECAUSE OF PULLMAN PORTERS

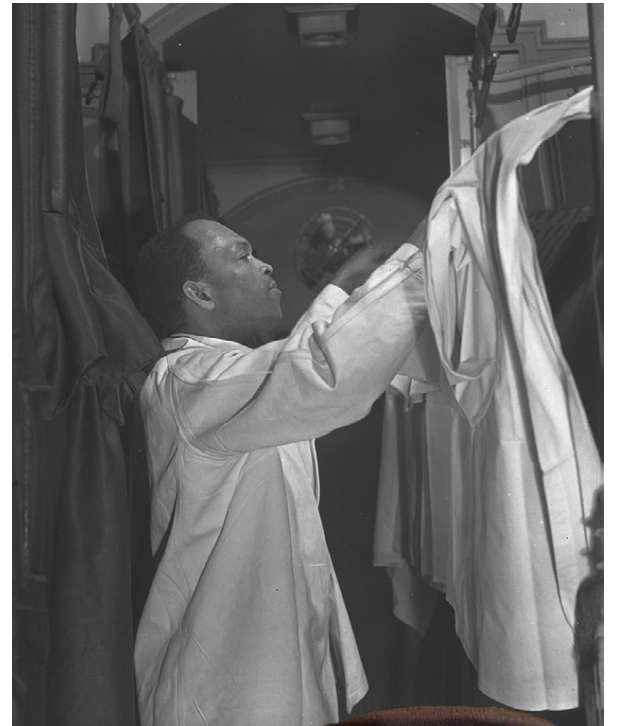
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PULLMAN PORTERS



THE PULL ON THE PORTERS

The Pullman Porters were a group of Black men who worked on trains. These were very nice **luxury** trains that had beds for long trips. Some of them looked like hotel rooms despite being on the train, and these were called sleeper cars. The Pullman Porters were workers who cleaned the tubs, shined the shoes, and served the passengers. Many of them were former slaves and although they were paid more than some other jobs they were overworked and making less money than they should.

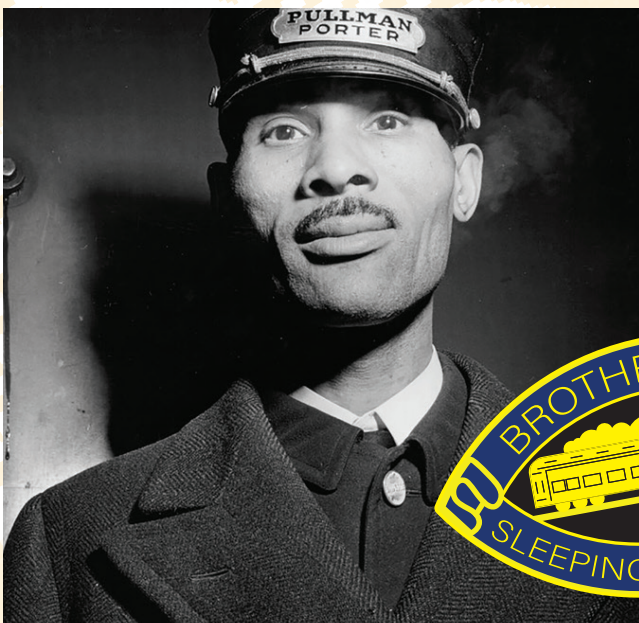


The owner of the trains, George Pullman, hired these porters because he could pay them cheap **wages** and work them long hours, and they knew how to cater to customers. Being a porter was not easy but it was better than most jobs for Blacks at that time. In fact the company hired the largest number of African American men in the country.



Even though Pullman Porters faced many challenges, they were very important in helping create the Black **middle class**. The Black middle class meant that people had a little bit more money to make a more comfortable **lifestyle**. Pullman Porters supported schools, helped their communities, and saved their wages so their children could get a better education. Many of their children and grandchildren were the first Blacks to become **professionals** such as lawyers and **journalists**.

The Pullman Porters did not have an easy work load or life but they did make it easier for many other Blacks because of their **sacrifices**.




READ & RESPOND

1) What job did the Porters do?

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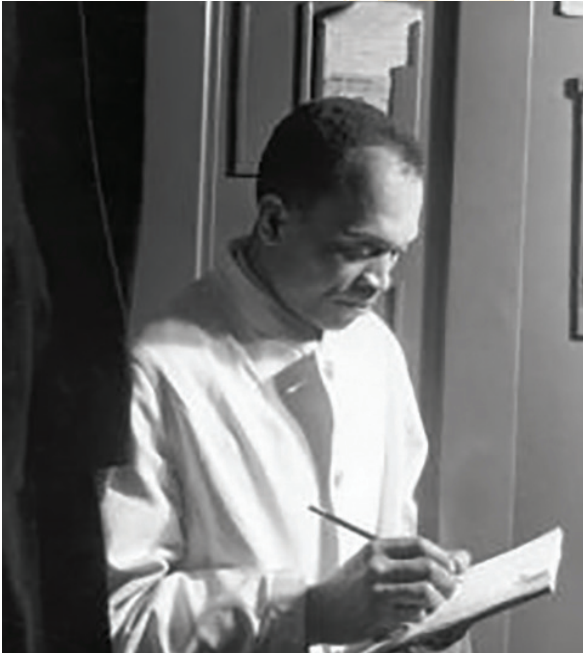
2) Why were they called Pullman Porters?



READ & RESPOND

3) Describe the working conditions of the Porters.

4) How did the Porters help the Black community?



WORD SEARCH AT THE RAILROADS

Instructions: Use the key to the left to find the words in the word search. The words can go into any direction and words can share letters as they cross each other.

WORD SEARCH

WORDBANK

BLACKMEN

PASSENGERS

PORTERS

PULLMAN

TRAIN

LUXURY

WAGE

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GLOSSARY

Luxury - something that is expensive and not necessary.

Wages - an amount of money that a worker is paid based on the number of hours, days, etc., that are worked

Middle class - the social class that is between the upper class and the lower class and that includes mainly business and professional people, government officials, and skilled workers

Lifestyle - a particular way of living : the way a person lives or a group of people live

Professionals - relating to a job that requires special education, training, or skill

Journalists - a person with a job of collecting, writing, and editing news stories for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio

Sacrifices - the act of giving up something that you want to keep especially in order to get or do something else or to help someone

A PATH TO A SOLUTION

Instructions: Fill in the missing numbers

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



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ANSWER KEY:

TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR
THE SACRIFICES OF
MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE
IN ME.

I WILL PURSUE
MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP
OTHERS ALONG
THE WAY.