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BECAUSE OF PULLMAN PORTERS

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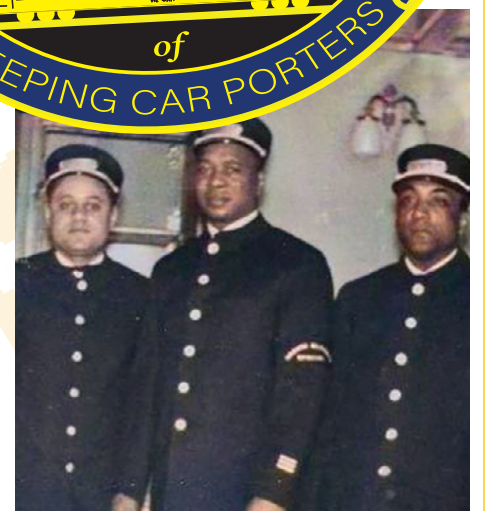
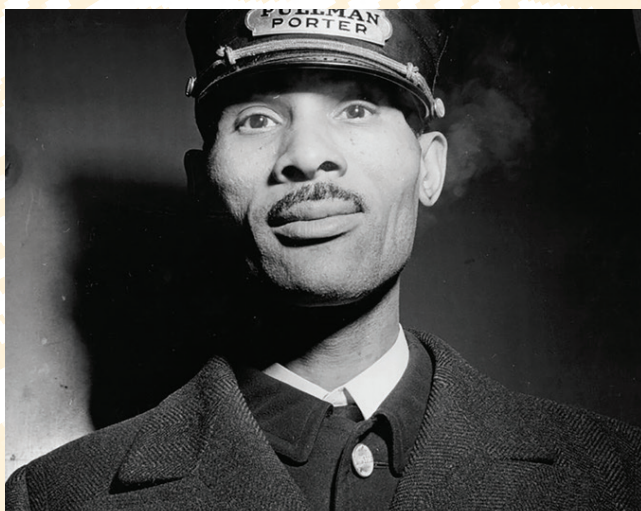
The Pullman Porters were a group of Black men who worked on trains. These were not **regular** trains, these were very nice **luxury** trains that had beds for long trips. Some of them looked like hotel rooms despite being on the train, and these were called sleeper cars. The Pullman Porters were **hired** to carry **luggage**, clean the tubs, shine shoes, and serve the passengers. Many of them were former slaves and although they were paid more than some other jobs that required more physical effort, they remained underpaid and overworked.



The owner of the trains, George Pullman, hired these porters because he could pay them cheap **wages** and work them long hours, and they already knew how to cater to customers. Even under those harsh conditions, working as a Porter was better than most jobs for Blacks at that time. In the early 1900s it was really hard for African Americans to get hired and the Pullman company hired the biggest number of African American men in the country. Porters had to work about 100 hours a week. Most work weeks for people today are 40 hours. They made less than \$20 a week and had to buy their own **supplies**.

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**. One thing that Porters were able to do that many Blacks could not at the time was travel. The middle class lifestyle was also about fashion. The Pullman Porters were very stylish with their clothes. In addition to this, 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?

2) Why were they called Pullman Porters?

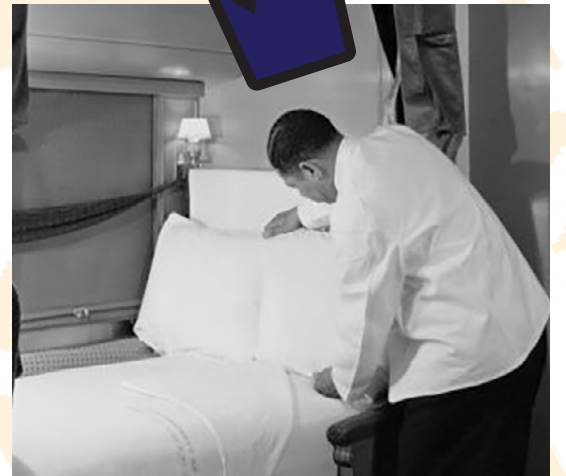
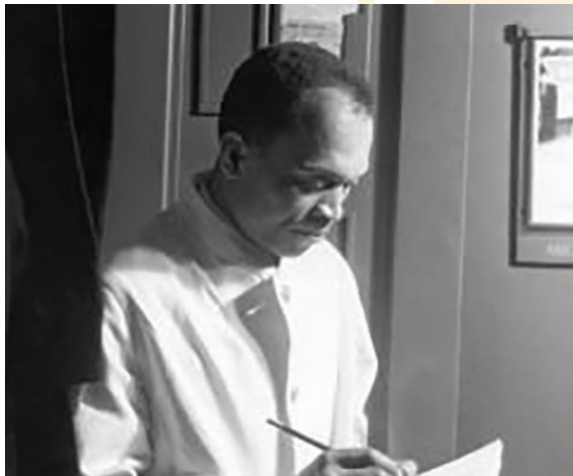


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3) Describe the working conditions of the Porters.

4) How did the Porters help the Black community?



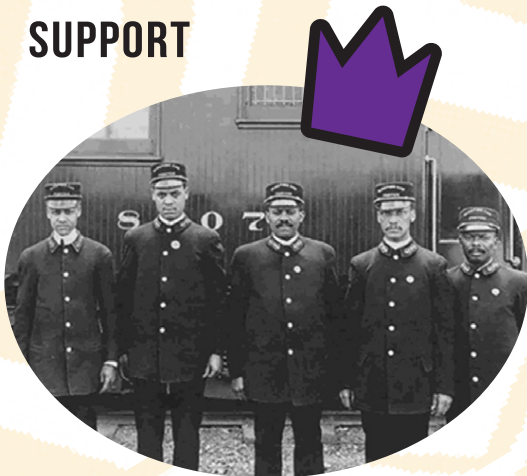


CROSSROADS AT THE RAILROADS

Instructions: Use the list on 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.

WORDBANK

- BLACK MEN
- PORTERS
- PASSENGERS
- PULLMAN
- TRAIN
- MIDDLE CLASS
- PROFESSIONALS
- UNDERPAID
- SLEEPER CARS
- SUPPORT



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GLOSSARY

- Regular** - normal or usual
- Luxury** - something that is expensive and not necessary
- Hire** - to give work or a job to (someone) in exchange for wages or a salary
- Luggage** - the bags and suitcases that a person carries when traveling
- Wages** - an amount of money that a worker is paid based on the number of hours, days, etc., that are worked
- Supplies** - things (such as food, equipment, fuel, etc.) that are needed for a particular purpose and that will be used by a particular person or group

- 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.**