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Migration/immigration is often based on **push-pull** factors: things that **push** a person away from one place and attract [**pull**] the person to a different place.

African-Americans in the Jim Crow South faced many hardships. We can explain those hardships as involving the following categories: things that were **economic factors**, **environmental factors**, and **social/political factors**. Blacks who moved north as part of the **Great Migrations** believed that life would be better in the North, that the hardships would be reduced.

In the migration chart, decide where the following three descriptors (segregated transportation, the boll weevil, and immigration bans and wars) best matches with a reason to migrate. More than one answer can be correct. This makes your explanation for your answers very important.

1. Segregated Transportation: Each train had at least two railroad cars, one for whites and one for coloreds. This was among the many daily insults that faced Southern blacks. Some African Americans moved to the North where they hoped life would be easier.

2. The Boll Weevil: The boll weevil (an insect) caused widespread damage to cotton crops in the South between 1910 and 1920. In response, Southern farmers changed the mix of crops that were grown. This resulted in changes to where farm workers were needed, and how many were needed in a given area.



3. Immigration Bans and Wars: Northern whites enlisted in the Army and were sent to fight in World War I. At approximately the same time, quotas limited the number of immigrants allowed into the US. This opened up jobs in the North for Southern blacks who were willing to move.

Migration Chart

	<i>Which Description?</i>	Explain your thinking for putting it in this category
Economic Reasons to Migrate		<i>Why does this fit with economic reasons?</i>
Environmental Reasons to Migrate		<i>Why does this fit with environmental reasons?</i>
Socio-Political Reasons to Migrate		<i>Why does this fit with socio-political reasons?</i>