

Redefining the Mississippi Delta: Blues, Civil Rights, and the Great Migration

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The intent of this unit is to educate high school students about the significance of the Mississippi Delta. The unit is broken up into five main topics: blues music, Delta blues, why the Mississippi Delta matters, the Great Migration, and the Civil Rights movement. By first providing students with a historical background, they'll better appreciate the uniqueness of the Mississippi Delta and best understand why blues music started here. Although this unit was designed for advanced high school students, it can easily be modified for lower level high school students in a United States history or geography course.