

# Sample Informational Multi-Paragraph Outline

**Prompt:** Write an article to inform an audience about the Great Migration using different types of evidence and text structures.

Introductory Sentence: *Between about 1916 and 1970, more than six million Black Americans moved from the South to cities in the North and West seeking freedom and economic opportunity, but shockingly, many Americans have never heard of this monumental migration.*

Topic 1: *Why people moved*

Topic Sentence:

*Black people living in the South desperately wanted to escape racial inequality and persecution and jumped at the opportunity to work at factories in the North, Midwest, and West.*

Supporting Details:

- *Racial inequality still existed in the South, even after the Civil War ended and slavery was abolished. Jim Crow laws started.*
- *Black people in the South forced to farm → no economic opportunity.*
- *Urban areas in North, Midwest and West needed more workers after World War I started → OPPORTUNITY → Black people were recruited → factory worker made approx. 3X what Black people working in South made.*
- *Black people sought freedom and opportunity for their kids that they didn't have.*

Topic 2: *How the Great Migration changed lives*

Topic Sentence:

*The Great Migration changed lives in powerful ways.*

Supporting Details:

- *Black people found jobs in factories, slaughterhouses and foundries → got paid more but work was dangerous and challenging.*
- *Cities were crowded → competition for living spaces. Effect—rent was EXPENSIVE. Common for multiple families to share an apt, and many*

	<p>apartments to share a bathroom in the hall, like the Youngers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Even in the Midwest and North, Black people were only allowed to live in certain neighborhoods due to racist laws.</li></ul>
Topic 3: Lasting impacts it had on the US	<p>Topic Sentence: <u>The impact of the Great Migration is still felt today, even though it is often overlooked.</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Supporting Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chicago population started at 44,103 at beginning of Great Migration and was over 1 million at the end of it.</li><li>● Makeup of cities as we know them</li><li>● Black and white neighborhoods → Blacks created cities within their own cities → new urban Black culture (ex. Harlem), spread of housing projects, rise of Black middle class.</li><li>● White flight and suburbanization → racist laws prevented Black people from getting mortgages and buying houses in the suburbs like white people were allowed/encouraged to do.</li><li>● CULTURE → language and music—blues, ex. Harlem Renaissance</li><li>● Political activism → Black people who moved to the North after being mistreated in South → Civil Rights Movement was a direct result from this activism.</li></ul>