

LESSONS FROM *THE MIGRANT PROJECT*

Lesson 1

A Day in the Life: Migrant Farm Workers Today

Introduce students to the conditions facing migrant farm workers with a QuickTime video clip. Then guide them through the powerful contemporary photographs by Rick Nahmias in a PowerPoint presentation with companion handouts.



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Lesson 2

We the People: History of Migrant Farm Workers

Use this powerful PowerPoint presentation and companion worksheets to help students track the changing face of migrant labor from the Depression Era to today. Students practice document interpretation by studying primary sources including a Woody Guthrie song from the Depression Era, photographs and maps.

MIGRANT MOTHER, 1936 Dorothea Lange
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Lesson 3

Sowing the Seeds: The Life of Cesar Chavez

In this Internet-based activity, students examine the personal experiences and core values of Cesar Chavez and the forces that led to the creation of the United Farm Workers.

Lesson 4

United Farm Workers: Growth and Strategies

Analyzing primary source documents on the Internet, students identify and interpret case studies exemplifying the mission and tactics pursued by the United Farm Workers.

Lesson 5

Case Study in Reform: The Taco Bell® Agreement

In this interactive group discussion, students analyze the issues surrounding a recent boycott that ended when a popular fast food chain agreed to pay one cent more per pound of tomatoes purchased to be passed along to farm workers in Florida.

Lesson 6

Service Learning Capstone Project: The Trail of the Tomato

Through the powerful methodology known as service learning, students trace the “trail of the tomato” from the farm to the lunch counter and evaluate market pressures at each phase of production. Students work in teams to develop a “museum piece” that synthesizes their learning and shares their understanding with others.

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Migrant Farm Workers in America

A standards-based multimedia curriculum for middle and high school students based on the nationally touring exhibit by acclaimed photographer Rick Nahmias

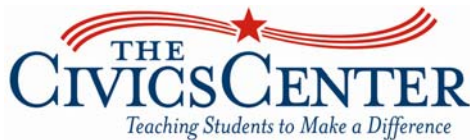
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- Student worksheets
- Group activities
- Teacher-friendly instructions
- Video segment
- Warmups
- Reflections
- Internet-based activities
- Powerful photographs
- Historical sound recording
- Capstone service learning project



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