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THE CONTINUING BOND WITH THE SOUTH

Visits to the South - like the Greenville Travel Club's trip in Goin' to Chicago - still play a part in African American life. Many African American kids go down home during summer vacation and stay with relatives. Large family reunions are common. The relationships between many urban dwelling African Americans and their relatives who stayed behind remain strong. For many migrants, the move North was a mixed blessing. The North offered new opportunities but also new problems. Today, an increasing number of African Americans are returning to the South in a reverse migration

QUESTION:

The story of the Greenville Travel Club's annual reunion runs as a thread throughout Goin' to Chicago. Why do you think the filmmaker attached so much importance to this event? To what extent do you think black urban life is still influenced by its southern rural roots?

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How did their rural southern roots help and hinder African Americans make the transition to an urban, industrialized world?