

Handout #2: Characters and Situations

Mildred Fleming - As a child, in the kitchen cooking beans for her family's dinner - again - after returning from school without having eaten all day...

MaeBertha Carter or Cliff Duwell or Koko Taylor - Working in the fields chopping cotton as kids...

Lev Wills - Upon being told he'd have to go around to the back to order hamburgers...

Koko Taylor - Heading North on the Greyhound at age 18 with her new husband and no money, just a box of Ritz crackers...

John Henry Davis - Hitchiking to Chicago with \$2 in his pocket...

Unita Blackwell - Watching many of her friends and family leave the Delta but deciding to stay behind...

Koko Taylor - Getting off the Greyhound upon arriving in Chicago for the first time...

John Wiley - About to start his last day on the job after 25 years heading off to work in the Sears Roebuck mail room from 7:30 until 3:00 and then to an 8-hour shift in the Post Office...

Timuel Black - Upon returning home to Chicago after fighting against Hitler in World War II...

Christine Houston - Standing in her kitchen three days after moving into a white neighborhood when a rock crashes through her window followed by a shotgun blast...

Alvin Robertson - At age 52, with 30 years in the steel mill, when told the company will shut the mill down...