

**Pullman Porters: Unsung Heroes, Former Slaves, Labor Organizers,
Middle Class Citizens & Civil Rights Activists**
Season: Winter & Spring Grades: 6-8 Length 1- 1 ½ hours

During this live virtual program students discover the critical role that Pullman porters played in giving rise to America's black middle class, the formation of the black labor movement, and the momentum for the civil rights movement. This slice of history spans 100 years beginning with the Emancipation Proclamation. Students engage in activities relating to what it was like to travel and work on a Pullman car and actively participate in discussion about the porters' enduring fight for social change and justice in America. *BIG IDEAS: Historical Connections; Human Rights; Impact of Economic Systems; and Nature of Conflict.*

College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies Standards addressed:

Sixth – Eighth Grade

D2.Civ.2.6-8 Explain specific roles played by citizens (such as voters, jurors, taxpayers, members of the armed forces, petitioners, protestors and office-holders.)

D2.Eco.1,3.6-8 Explain how economic decisions affect the well-being of individuals, businesses, and society and the roles of buyers and sellers in product, labor, and financial markets.

D2.Eco.9.6-8 Describe the role of institutions such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.

D2.His.1.6-8 Analyze connections among events and developments and the individuals or groups who shaped them to understand their historical context and significance.

