

### **Building a Shotgun House in Davis Bottom: Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever seen a house being built?
2. Do you know anyone who built their own house or builds houses for a living?
3. What is tar paper?
4. Why do you think they began laying the tar paper from the bottom of the roof instead of beginning at the top?
5. Some of the houses in the painting have wooden shingles over the tar paper. What would be the advantage of having wooden shingle roofs instead of just tar paper roofs?
6. Do you know what kind of roof is on your home?
7. People in Davis Bottom in the 1890s spent a lot of time on their front porches. Do people in your neighborhood spend much time on their front porches? Why do you think people spend less time on their front porches today than they did in the 1890s?