

Davis Bottom in the 1890s: Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn about Davis Bottom in the 1890s from looking at the painting? How do you think life in this neighborhood was similar to your life today? How is it different?
2. What did you learn about Davis Bottom in the 1890s from the background essay? How do you think life in this neighborhood was similar to your life today? How was it different?
3. The painting was created to provide a visual image of what life was like in Davis Bottom in the 1890s. Do you think visual images help us to understand history? Why or why not?
4. If you were going to paint a picture of your neighborhood, what would you include?