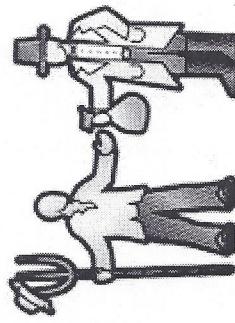


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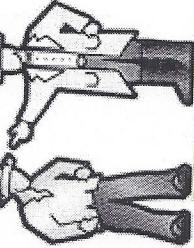
The Sharecropper Cycle of Poverty



Sharecropper is provided land and seed. In exchange, he promises landowner half the crop.

To pay debt, sharecropper must promise landowner a greater share of next year's crop.

By the time sharecroppers had shared their crops and paid their debts, they rarely had any money left. Often they were uneducated and could not argue with landowners or merchants who cheated them. A sharecropper frequently became tied to one plantation, having no choice but to work until his debts were paid.



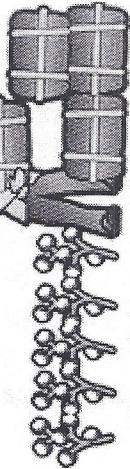
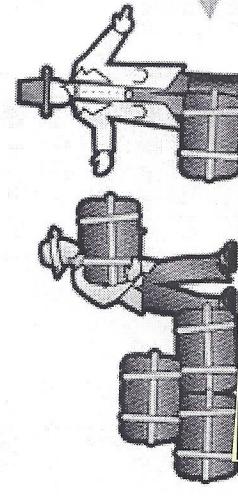
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Sharecropper buys food and clothing on credit from landowner's store



When settling up, landowner says that sharecropper owes more than he has earned.

Sharecropper gives landowner crop to sell. Sharecropper will get half the earning minus the cost of his purchases for the year.



Sharecropper plants and harvests crop.