## Vocabulary

## Twelve-Bar Blues

blocked chords in root position: the chords for C, E, and G

**consonance:** gives the feeling of satisfaction or rest; the opposite of dissonance; consonance intervals are thirds, fourths, fifths, sixths, and octaves

**dissonance:** a discord, an interval or chord which is restless, requiring movement to a restful (or consonant chord); this movement is called resolution; dissonant intervals are seconds, sevenths, and all augmented and diminished chords

Great Migration: the move by African Americans to the North after World War I

**harmonic composition:** a combination of tones sounding together and the relationship between a series of chords

**interval:** the difference in pitch between two tones

juke joint: a place where jazz or the blues was played

**sharecroppers:** small plot farmers who became dependent on trading his crop to pay off a lien to a merchant or land owner

**sliding notes:** notes sung or played on a guitar with a metal or bottle neck slide that change pitch steadily from one pitch to another without discernible "jumps" or "steps"

