Charlotte Forten Grimké was the first northern African-American schoolteacher to travel south to teach former slaves. She later published “Life on the Sea Islands,” chronicling her experiences.

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