

Name:

Day One

The South Side's Chance

Part 1: Silent read

➔ A rapper gives back to his home community. Read silently.

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Parts of the South Side suffer from poverty and gang violence. For many decades, though, Chicago's South Side was an area of opportunity. There were manufacturing plants that offered thousands of good jobs. Many Black people migrated to Chicago to take jobs like these. When these plants shut down in the 60s and 70s, it hurt the area. Middle class people left the South Side to find better jobs. Many businesses shut down. Schools, parks, and neighborhoods declined.

However, many people want to improve the South Side. Leaders have called for investment in the area. They want South Side residents to have the same opportunities as others in Chicago.

Source: “Chance the Rapper Donates \$1 Million to Chicago's Public Schools,” *The New York Times*, March 7, 2017.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why are residents of the South Side primarily African American?

How much did Chance the Rapper donate to Chicago public schools?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.