

# The Negro Motorist Green-Book

## Discussion Questions to Consider

1. Is every state included in the lists? What are your thoughts on why or why not?
2. What are the fewest services for a state listed? Discuss the ramifications of traveling through such a state.
3. Why were preparedness and planning ahead imperative? For instance, with only two tourist homes in South Dakota (in Sioux Falls) how could people cope if they had to drive through that state? It is about 380 miles long.
4. What is the most popular category in the book: restaurants, gas stations, recreation parks, taverns, liquor stores, garages (service stations), barber shops, hotels, nightclubs, road houses, country clubs, taxis, drugstores, and beauty shops? Why is that the most popular category?
5. What kind of advertising is included in the Green Book?
6. There is information on how to send a story about using the Green Book or staying somewhere that was recommended for possible publication and five dollars.
7. What do you notice about the text travel guide pages? What kinds of things are described that might not be in other travel guides?
8. How do you think this would compare to other travel guides?
9. What cities have the most services? And even includes things like dance halls, tailors, millinery, and maybe a haberdasher?
10. Why is a key to Manhattan street numbers included?
11. Why do you think there are no maps?
12. Ferry and Tunnel rates for passenger cards are listed. Why would this information be needed ahead of time?
13. Points of interest in New York City are listed. What is the possible implication of including this list?
14. Could you plan a trip through some states and find everything that would be needed? What would need to be packed or taken with to help make the whole trip? Would you like planning such a trip?
15. How do the different editions for the different years compare?
16. What did you learn or realize from looking through this book?