General questions

1. What underlying social issues can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?

2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. How do you think agriculture in America would look today if the USDA had not excluded Black farmers from federal farm programs?

2. Compare and contrast Jon Steven’s and JohnElla Holmes’ positions on historic inequity in farming. What might account for their different perspectives? What points might they agree on?

3. Angela Dawson is trying to create a future for Black farmers in the hemp industry. What hurdles do you think she will face? Do you think it would be easier for white farmers to thrive in the modern hemp industry? Why or why not?