Where Should We Go? What Should We Do?

After the Civil War ended, African Americans faced many new problems. The war had brought them freedom, but it had also ended their old way of life. Many had to ask “Where should we go? What should we do?” One possibility was moving west.

Read the following list of conditions that existed after the Civil War. Some of them existed in the South. Put an S in the blank before these. Some of them existed in the West. Put a W in the blank before these.

_____ Free land
_____ No home available except sometimes old slave quarters
_____ Familiar way of life where you have always lived
_____ Opportunity to work for yourself as an independent farmer
_____ Fear of Ku Klux Klan and other white hate groups
_____ Land not yet cleared and plowed
_____ Ruined towns, farms, and railroads
_____ Opportunity to work for a former slaveholder as a sharecropper
_____ New settlements open for African Americans
_____ Unknown life in wild land
_____ Fear of Indian raids
_____ Need to grow and hunt your own food
_____ No food or very expensive food available
_____ Land all taken by white owners
_____ Flood of Yankees come to make a fortune
_____ Very few towns, farms, and railroads
_____ Yankees come to improve your living conditions and education
_____ White settlers with the same goals and problems as yours
_____ Need to build your own home
Venn Diagram

Write details that tell how the subjects are different in the outer circles. Write details that tell how the subjects are alike where the circles overlap.

Subject: Carpetbaggers

Subject: Scalawags

See pg. 358 in textbook.
DIRECTIONS:
See page 356 in textbook to create the 5 military districts. Tennessee is not included.