

Was Reconstruction a Revolution?

Document Analysis Questions

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What kind of document is it? (newspaper, letter, bill, petition, etc.)

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Who is the author of the document? (Include name and position, if available)

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Why do you think this document was written? What evidence in the document helps you determine why it was written? Quote from the document.

What information is illustrated or can be inferred from this document about how things used to be?

What information is illustrated or can be inferred from this document about how things are changing?

Is the author in favor of or opposed to the changes? How do you know?

Do you think that these changes can be described as revolutionary? Why or why not?

What does this document contribute to answering the question: To what extent was Reconstruction a revolution?

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Reconstruction Documents

Wade-Davis bill as amended, May 4, 1864
S. 1, Sumner Civil Rights bill, introduced December 1, 1873
Petition of colored voting citizens of McMinn County, Tennessee, endorsed March 2, 1874
Memorial of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools against the school integration clause of the Civil Rights bill, endorsed June 16, 1874
Memorial of colored people of Georgia in favor of the Sumner Civil Rights bill, January 26, 1874
House Joint Resolution proposing the 15th amendment to the Constitution, December 7, 1868
An act to enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States and for other purposes (Voting Rights Act of 1965), August 6, 1965

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