



Reteaching Activity

Reconstruction and the New South

Reconstruction was a confusing time for African Americans. Finally, they were free. Yet what would their role be in American society? Congress tried to help. It passed laws to protect African American rights. Many white Southerners, however, resisted with state laws and threats. The African American struggle for full citizenship was just beginning.

Organizing Information DIRECTIONS: The phrases below represent actions that either protected African American rights or denied these rights. Write each phrase in the appropriate place in the diagram.

black codes	Freedmen's Bureau	lynching
Civil Rights Act of 1866	Jim Crow laws	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>
Fifteenth Amendment	Ku Klux Klan	poll tax
Fourteenth Amendment	literacy test	Thirteenth Amendment

Protected rights by . . .	
1.	allowing federal government to step in if states violated rights
2.	forbidding denial of voting rights due to "race, color, or previous condition of servitude"
3.	providing food, clothing, schools, and help finding jobs
4.	granting full citizenship to anyone born in the United States
5.	abolishing slavery in all of the United States



African Americans During Reconstruction



Denied rights by . . .	
6.	using fear and violence to intimidate
7.	requiring separation of races in almost every public place
8.	killing African Americans by hanging
9.	requiring payment of a fee to vote
10.	requiring the reading of a difficult passage to vote
11.	allowing exploitation of workers; creating slavery in disguise
12.	upholding Jim Crow laws and segregation