

Lesson One - Reconstruction: America's Dream and Disappointment

Explore the Dream

Key terms you should know:

Freedman's Bureau

Radical Republicans

Civil Rights

Jim Crow

Black Codes (laws)

Take notes below as you begin your research of Reconstruction.

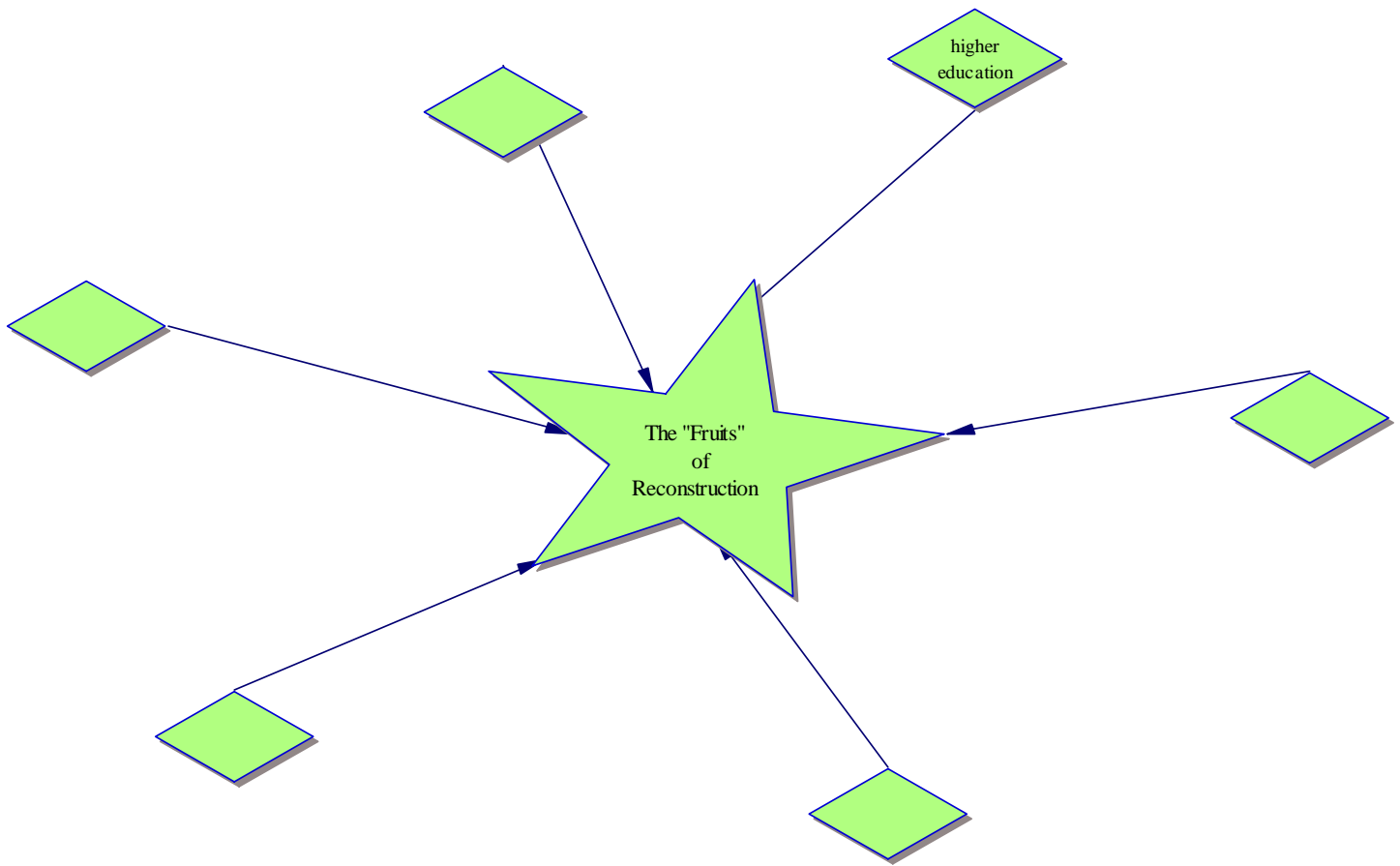
African American History Timeline – Review 1865 - 1877

1. What were key events of these twelve years?
2. Identify examples of hope for the newly-freed people.
3. What examples of betrayal and disappointment do you see?
4. Read Article XIV. Summarize the main idea.
5. Read Article XV. What was the purpose of this amendment to the Constitution?

THE HOPES AND POSSIBILITIES OF RECONSTRUCTION

6. What do the three documents, "Freedmen's Bureau", "Negro Suffrage", and "Ho for Kansas" suggest to you about the possibilities available to former slaves during Reconstruction?

As you read the “Fruits of Reconstruction”, record on the mind map key ways African Americans worked to become part of American society.



THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF RECONSTRUCTION

1. After viewing the primary sources, identify the ways Reconstruction betrayed and disappointed African Americans.

2. Summarize the following:

a. Plessy v. Ferguson

b. Jim Crow Laws

3. Now you are ready to arrive at your own conclusions about Reconstruction and support your view with a primary source document. Was Reconstruction a time of hope, possibility, and accomplishment? Or was Reconstruction a time of betrayal and disappointment?

a. Search the site links for a document that supports your conclusion.

b. Open a PowerPoint slide. Copy and Paste your document to the slide. Save as LOCyourname

c. Write one paragraph explaining your conclusion and how this document supports your view. You may use this page to write a rough draft.

d. Open a second PowerPoint slide under LOCyourname. Type your paragraph and Save.

e. Document where you obtained your source.

1. for example:

“Title”. The African-American Mosaic: A Library of Congress Resource Guide for the Study of Black History and Culture, <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/afam009.html>.