Voices of Reconstruction: African American and Women’s Perspectives Extension Lesson Plan for 7th Grade Texas History (60 minutes)

Reconstruction is an often under studied period of American history. Although it legally existed for 5 years, Reconstruction had far-reaching impact. Students will create a mural or collage to display the characteristics of Reconstruction, specifically focused on key groups and individuals who impacted Reconstruction. Student should conduct research on their local community or a specific place in Texas to identify key leaders or groups that contributed to the success of Texas during Reconstruction period.

**Lesson Topics**

* Contributions of African American Legislators
* Role of Women during Reconstruction
* Education
* The Role of Churches

### **Essential Questions**

1. How did African Americans influence events and issues in Texas during the period of Reconstruction?

**Students will know the following information based on previous TEKS standards**:

Identify the major eras in Texas history, describe their defining characteristics, and explain the purpose of dividing the past into eras, including Civil War and Reconstruction.

*Table 1. Lesson Materials, Descriptions, and TEKS for Lesson Content*

| **Printable Lesson Materials** | **Material Description** | **Lesson Specific TEKS** |
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| **Research** | To construct their murals students should be provided the option to create a digital product or a paper-based product. Students can use computer programs such as Publisher or Power Point or free online applications like Canva to create their visuals. | 7.1(A) |