

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
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)