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## Reconstruction: The Challenges of Reunification Hook Exercise – The “Strong” government 1869-1877

**Directions:** Examine the primary excerpts below and answer the questions that follow.

Excerpt from Martha Tunstall speech to the Austin Friends of Female Suffrage just before the final vote at the Constitution of 1868-69.

“... may not your mothers, your wives, your sisters, your daughters, the women of America, have a voice in making the laws and selecting the rulers to who she owes, and to whom she renders the most implicit reverence and faithful obedience.”

Barbara Mulvihill, “Tunstall, Martha Goodwin,” Handbook of Texas Online.

### ***Analysis Questions***

1. What is the subject of Martha’s speech based on the excerpt?
2. Who is she directing her speech to?
3. What reasons does Martha give to support her plea?

4. Think about the events and issues taking place during Reconstruction. Make a list of ways you think women helped to impact Reconstruction.

5. How might the roles that women played during Reconstruction, inspire women to seek more rights?