

Answer Key: Who's Who of Reconstruction Worksheets

Warm-up

- Responses will vary

Lesson

Students record information they deem interesting or significant. As such, student responses on worksheets will vary. Included below are some basic facts for each person and should serve as a guide for viewing student responses.

1. Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross
 - a. Background: Born in the U.S. territory of Iowa in 1838. Moved to Texas in 1839, first to Austin then Waco.
 - b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Took part in campaigns against Indians during his time in the U.S. Army and Texas Rangers.
 - ii. Part of Ranger group that discovered Cynthia Ann Parker with the Comanches.
 - iii. Fought in Civil War for the Confederate Army.
 - iv. Served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1876 and helped write the Constitution of 1876.
 - v. Served in the Texas Senate and 2 terms as governor during Reconstruction.
2. Edmund Jackson Davis
 - a. Background: Born in Florida in 1827, moved to Galveston in 1848.
 - b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Worked as a lawyer, customs collector, and district attorney.
 - ii. Served as an anti-secessionist delegate who voted against secession at the Secession Convention in 1861.
 - iii. Fought in the Civil War for the North and established the First Texas Cavalry unit in the U.S. Army.
 - iv. Served as a Texas state Senator after the war and a delegate to the Constitutional Conventions of 1866 and 1868.
 - v. Governor in 1869 under Congressional Reconstruction, he supported expanding the power of the state.

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3. George Thomson Ruby

- a. Background: An African American man born free in New York in 1841. Moved to Texas in 1866
- b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Worked as a correspondent for a Northern newspaper in Haiti.
 - ii. Was a teacher in Louisiana but had to leave for his safety.
 - iii. In Texas he worked for the Freedman's Bureau, and established chapters of the Union League.
 - iv. He served as the only Black Texan delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1868.
 - v. Served as a delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1868-1869.
 - vi. Elected to the state Senate in 1869 – one of only three Black men who served in the state legislature during Reconstruction.
 - vii. Established the first Labor Union of Colored Men at Galveston

4. Shepherd Mullens

- a. Background: Born into slavery in Alabama in 1828 or 1829 and brought to Texas in 1854.
- b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Property owner in Waco
 - ii. Appointed to the board of voter registrars for McLennan County under Congressional Reconstruction.
 - iii. 1867 - served on a committee for planning the first Republican Party Convention in Texas.
 - iv. Served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1868-1869.
 - v. Served a four-year term as a McLennan County commissioner
 - vi. served as the Vice President of the Republican Convention in 1869
 - vii. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1869
 - viii. One of only three Black men who served in the state legislature during Reconstruction.

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5. Elisha Pease

- a. Background: Born in Connecticut on January 3, 1812, and migrated to Texas in 1835.
- b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Fought in the Battle of Gonzales during Texas Revolution and in the state legislature during the Republic era.
 - ii. Opposed secession, supported Congressional Reconstruction policies.
 - iii. Replaced ex-Confederate Governor Throckmorton after he was removed from office, Pease was appointed Governor in his place.
 - iv. Resigned from his role as governor because of conflict with the rest of the Republican Party in Texas.
 - v. Served as the chairman of the Texas delegation to the National Liberal Republican Convention in 1872.

6. James Webb Throckmorton

- a. Background: Born February 1, 1825, in Tennessee and moved to Texas in 1840.
- b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Served in the U.S.-Mexico War but left the Army because of kidney disease.
 - ii. Served in the government of the Republic of Texas
 - iii. Served as anti-secessionist delegate to the Secession Convention, voted against secession.
 - iv. Served in the Confederate Army during the war.
 - v. Elected governor under Presidential Reconstruction, removed from the position under Congressional Reconstruction for refusing to ratify the 14th Amendment.
 - vi. Elected to the state legislature during Reconstruction.

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7. Martha Goodwin Tunstall
 - a. Background: Born in Alabama on December 29, 1838, and moved to Texas around 1856.
 - b. Facts and Achievements:
 - i. Was a teacher
 - ii. Witnessed the cruelty of slavery, an experience that helped shape her strong opposition slavery.
 - iii. Lived in the North with her husband and children during the Civil War before returning to Texas.
 - iv. Advocated for women's right to vote in the Austin Friends of Female Suffrage organization and the National Woman Suffrage Association.
 - v. Served as vice-president of the Texas chapter of the National Woman Suffrage Association
 - vi. Endured threats, harassment and violence due to her beliefs, and even the murder of two of her children.
 - vii. Worked as a teacher and women's rights activist on Indian reservations in Oklahoma and Arkansas in her later years.

Exit Ticket

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Note: Other activities in the Who's Who lesson are mostly subjective, and responses will vary.