READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Reconstruction SAC (8.11.1)

Background:

Reconstruction was the period between 1865 and 1877, when the nation tried to re-build itself after the Civil War. One of the main questions facing Americans during this period was whether the federal government would pass laws to protect the rights of African Americans.

Prompt:

Were African Americans free during Reconstruction?

Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
 - Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim.
 - Use this additional piece of evidence as the basis for a counterclaim