REBUILDING A NATION

Overview

In learning about the Reconstruction Era, you will create a **children's book**, **podcast**, or **news article**. You will tell how the United States was "reconstructed" after a civil war that devastated the country like never before.

(If you are creating a _children's book_, you are summarizing this important part of American history in a way that is informational, but understandable for children to read. If you are creating a _podcast or news article_, you should relate it to life today, and use the lessons of Reconstruction as a way to build upon problems we currently face.)

1https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/47/Broad_S

Organization

Whatever you decide to create, **it should be organized like this:**
1. **What is the <u>setting</u> for the story?** (Time period, background knowledge, location, etc.)
2. **What <u>problems</u> did the country face?** (What needed to be fixed and worked out in order for things to be okay again?)
3. **How were problems <u>solved</u>, or <u>not solved</u>?** (Ex. How were states readmitted, programs paid for, etc.)
4. **How did Reconstruction <u>end</u>?** What was its influence on history, or even life today? (What progress was made, what still needed improvement?)
5. **What's your <u>final, positive message</u> to the audience in reflecting on this period?**

Content

Required **information to include**:
1. Years of Reconstruction _(2 points)_
2. <u>Map</u> or <u>list</u> of the **11 Confederate States** needing to be readmitted into the U.S. _(2 points)_
3. Explanation of **how they were readmitted** _(2 points)_
4. Impact of **Andrew Johnson** and **Hiram Revels** in Reconstruction _(4 points)_
5. Explanation & analysis of "**sharecropping**" _(4 points)_
6. Explanation & analysis of **Jim Crow Laws** _(4 points)_
7. Explanation & analysis of the **Plessy v. Ferguson** court case ruling _(4 points)_
8. Explanation of the **13th, 14th & 15th Amendments** _(6 points)_
9. Description of the **Freedmen's Bureau** _(2 points)_
10. Description of the **Ku Klux Klan** _(2 points)_
11. Explanation of **The Compromise of 1877** _(2 points)_

Citations

You should not copy and paste any information in this project, but if you decide to use a short quote you find, be sure to put quotations around it, and list the citation next to it.

Use RELIABLE sources to get your information, so that you do not lose points for putting inaccurate information.

ALL citations used, even for pictures, need to be included at the end of the project.

If there are any issues with citations, you will not receive credit for your project until they are fixed.

What's your role?

Project Manager - You are the one that should help your team have a vision and plan for this project. What product will you create? How will it be put together? Is everyone on task and on track?

Lead researcher - You are the go-to person with any questions your team may have on finding information or understanding something. You are also in charge of researching the required information from reliable sources, citing them, and including the citations in your product. You are not the only one finding information, but the leader.

Writer - You are the creator of the product itself. While others can contribute their ideas and thoughts into the product, it is you that is really in charge of telling the story in an interesting and accurate way.

Editor/Illustrator - You are the jack-of-all trades. You will work closely with the lead researcher, and will also give feedback to the writer. In addition to those duties, you will also be in charge of including (and citing) images (unless you are doing a podcast). Lastly, you are the one that is charge of *creating the final product* that will be emailed or handed in to Mr. Armstrong.

How will you earn points? (Total of 58 points possible) 😲

Organization (12 points possible)
Required Parts – 5 parts are covered accurately and thoroughly (10 points total, 2 points/part)
Overall Quality – organized in a way that is easy to read and understand, and is a quality product. (2 points total: 2-Excellent, 1- Average/Below Average)

Content (34 points possible)
The points are shown above for what you can earn for each item. If you do an *excellent* job covering each piece of information, you get full points. If you do an *average* job on one piece of information, you get partial points for that piece of information.

Individual Assessment (12 points possible)
Completion of a self and peer evaluation of cooperation and helpfulness on project (5 points)
Completion of a 7-question assessment over Reconstruction. (7 points)