

Unit 9

Deconstructed DBQ Assignment Sheet and Document Set

HANDOUT SET

Instructions

Read and analyze each document in the set. Use the vocabulary to support your understanding and/or take notes on a piece of paper as you read. Then, use the graphic organizer to plan your response to the question. The graphic organizer has more information and support to understand the task.

In your response you should:

- Respond to the prompt with a defensible thesis that establishes a line of reasoning.
- Use relevant evidence from the documents to support your thesis and line of reasoning.
- Group the sources (documents) based on similarities or connections.
- Analyze the sources (documents) using the VIEW technique.
- Provide historical context for primary source documents.

DBQ Question:

How successful was Reconstruction in addressing the challenges of rebuilding the nation and ensuring equal rights for African Americans?

Documents

Document A: *The Thirteenth Amendment Section 1 (1865)*

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been **duly convicted**, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their **jurisdiction**.

duly convicted- found guilty after legal process

jurisdiction- the official power to make judgments or decisions

Document B: The Fourteenth Amendment Section 1 (1868)

All persons born or **naturalized** in the United States, and subject to the **jurisdiction** thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the **privileges or immunities** of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

naturalized- to become a citizen through a process

jurisdiction- the official power to make judgements or decisions

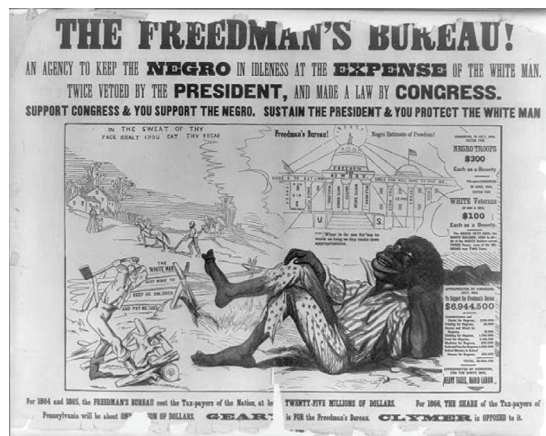
privileges and immunities- fundamental rights and protections

Document C: The Fifteenth Amendment Section 1 (1870)

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or **abridged** by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude

abridged- reduced

Document D: The Freedman's Bureau! (1866)



"The Freedman's Bureau- An agency to keep the negro in idleness at the expense of the white man. Twice vetoed by the president, and made law by Congress. Support Congress and you support the negro. Sustain the president & you protect the white man."

Document E: Classrooms for Black Children (1866)



The Misses Cooke's school room, Freedman's Bureau, Richmond, Va. from a sketch by Jas. E. Taylor.

Document F: President Johnson Veto Message of the Civil Rights Act of 1866

Four millions of them have just emerged from slavery into freedom. Can it be reasonably supposed that they possess the **requisite qualifications** to entitle them to all the **privileges and immunities** of citizens of the United States?

Have the people of the several States expressed such a conviction? It may also be asked whether it is necessary that they should be declared citizens in order that they may be secured in the enjoyment of the civil rights proposed to be **conferred** by the bill.

requisite qualifications
-required qualities or skills

privileges and immunities-
fundamental rights and protections

conferred- granted

Those rights are, by Federal as well as State laws, secured to all domiciled aliens and foreigners, even before the completion of the process of naturalization; and it may safely be assumed that the same enactments are sufficient to give like protection and benefits to those for whom this bill provides special legislation. Besides, the policy of the Government from its origin to the present time seems to have been that persons who are strangers to and unfamiliar with our institutions and our laws should pass through a certain probation, at the end of which, before attaining the coveted prize, they must give evidence of their fitness to receive and to exercise the rights of citizens as contemplated by the Constitution of the United States.	domiciled -to have lived somewhere aliens- people from a foreign country naturalization- to become a citizen through a process the coveted prize- citizenship
The bill in effect proposes a discrimination against large numbers of intelligent, worthy, and patriotic foreigners, and in favor of the Negro, to whom, after long years of bondage, the avenues to freedom and intelligence have just now been suddenly opened.	bondage- enslavement
He must of necessity, from his previous unfortunate condition of servitude, be less informed as to the nature and character of our institutions than he who, coming from abroad, has, to some extent at least, familiarized himself with the principles of a Government to which he voluntarily intrusts “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”	unfortunate condition of servitude- enslavement

Yet it is now proposed, by a single **legislative enactment**, to confer the rights of citizens upon all persons of African descent born within the extended limits of the United States, while persons of foreign birth who make our land their home must undergo a probation of five years, and can only then become citizens upon proof that they are of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

legislative enactment-
law or act

Document G: Uncle Sam's Thanksgiving (1869)



"Come One, Come All"
"Free and Equal"