

Reconstruction: Articles and Resources for Teachers



“Why Reconstruction Matters” by Eric Foner

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/29/opinion/sunday/why-reconstruction-matters.html>

“How to Remember Reconstruction” by Gregory P. Downs and Kate Masur

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/16/opinion/reconstruction-american-civil-war.html>

“Why We Need a National Monument to Reconstruction” by Gregory P. Downs and Kate Masur

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/14/opinion/why-we-need-a-national-monument-to-reconstruction.html>

“Taking Another Look at the Reconstruction Era”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/25/arts/park-service-project-would-address-the-reconstruction-era.html>

The New York Times: The Opinion Pages/Room for Debate

“How Should Americans Remember Reconstruction?”

<https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2015/05/26/how-should-americans-remember-reconstruction>

The Learning Network: Teaching and Learning with the New York Times

Text to Text/‘Why Reconstruction Matters’ and ‘Black Reconstruction in America’ by Michael Gonchar

<https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/12/09/text-to-text-why-reconstruction-matters-and-black-reconstruction-in-america/>

Jan. 31, 1865: House Passes 13th Amendment, Abolishing Slavery, by The Learning Network

https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/01/31/jan-31-1865-house-passes-13th-amendment-abolishing-slavery/?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Flearning&action=click&contentCollection=learning®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=search&contentPlacement=4&pgtype=sectionfront

Teaching American History

Civil War and Reconstruction Toolkit

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/american-history-toolkits/civil-war-and-reconstruction-toolkit/>

National Archives Education Updates: New Teaching Activity

From Dred Scott to the Civil Rights Act of 1875

<https://education.blogs.archives.gov/2013/12/17/dred-scott-to-the-civil-rights-act-of-1875/>

State Library of North Carolina

NCPedia, the online encyclopedia for everything North Carolina

<https://www.ncpedia.org/>

EDSITEment: The Best of the Humanities on the Web

The Battle Over Reconstruction

<https://edsitement.neh.gov/curriculum-unit/battle-over-reconstruction>

Important Reconstruction Legislation:

The [Civil Rights Act of 1866](#), extended the rights of emancipated slaves by stating that any person born in the United States, regardless of race, is a US citizen.

The [Civil Rights Act of 1871](#), prohibited ethnic violence against African Americans (see also, [Enforcement Acts](#), three Acts in 1870-1871)

The [Civil Rights Act of 1875](#), prohibited discrimination in “public accommodations,” which was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1883. The Court ruled that Congress could not regulate the conduct of individuals.

Online Videos:

Author John Green’s YouTube History Series

Reconstruction and 1876: Crash Course US History #22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nowsS7pMApl>

Recommended Books:

Reconstruction Updated Edition: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877 (Harper Perennial Modern Classics), by Eric Foner

Black Reconstruction in America 1860-1880 (Simon & Schuster), by W. E. B. Du Bois with an introduction by David Levering Lewis

Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow (Penguin Press), by Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Reconstruction: Voices from America's First Great Struggle for Racial Equality (The Library of America), by Brooks D. Simpson

After Lincoln: How the North Won the Civil War and Lost the Peace (Simon & Schuster), by A. J. Langguth