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Rewriting History:

Draft Your Own Reconstruction Plan

*…it’s all about compromise!*

The year is 1865: the Civil War has ended and no one is sure how to proceed. The Radical Republicans cry for change, the Moderate Republicans push for forgiveness. The Southern Democrats are defeated and furious, and the Freedmen demand the privileges and rights that come with freedom.

You will work with your peers to come up with a **Reconstruction Plan** that describes how to structure American society, economy and politics from now on. Each plan will require Compromise to ensure all points of view are heard! (A compromise is an *agreement that is achieved after everyone involved accepts less than what they wanted at first).*

Each plan **must address the demands of the 4 opposing views** at the start of Reconstruction: *Moderate Republicans, Radical Republicans, Southern Democrats, and the Freedmen*

**Directions:**

1. **Formative -** Short Answer Questions. Separate Handout.
2. **Debate Day - Draft Your Delegation Demands:** Sit with your group of delegates (all the Radical Republicans together, all the Moderate Republicans together, etc.). As a group, come up with at least **five** demands that your delegation would like to see in your final Reconstruction Plans. Use the graphic organizer to record your delegation’s demands.
3. **Debate Day - Draft your Convention’s Reconstruction Plan in your Constitution group:** Next, you will be placed in groups of four to draft your Reconstruction Plan. Each of the groups will be made up of delegates representing the 4 opposing views: *one Radical Republican, one Moderate Republican, one Southern Democrat, and one Freeman*. In these groups, you will come up with a plan that describes how you will structure post-Civil War society, economy, and politics. Each plan must have at **LEAST 12 points**, made up of at **LEAST 3 demands per delegate**.

*Remember, not all of your original demands will be able to make the cut!* Some of your demands might actually contradict those of another delegate. To successfully draft a plan, each delegate will have to make COMPROMISES by letting go of some demands or even changing them a little - so that you can **work together as a Convention Group** to come up with a final Reconstruction Plan.

1. **Publish Final Plan** - In your groups of four, elect one group member to be responsible for drafting your plan in Google Docs. Once your plan is final, open the shared presentation, find your group’s slide number, cut and paste your plan onto your slide. *(The shared presentation will be created by Mrs. Brown and accessed from our class website…just click on the shared link to paste your plan.)*

1. **Voting** – After each group has presented their final plans to the class, each student can vote for ONE plan they liked the best – The plan that offers the BEST CHANCE FOR LONG-LASTING PEACE. ***Vote using the Google Form link on our class website.***
2. **Reflection** – As a class, we will reflect upon the experience by completing a Nearpod presentation that asks students about their success and/or failure with compromise and how the failure of Reconstruction has impacted the United States.
3. **Summative:** After we have reflected together as a class, your summative will be based on **Criterion D: Critical Thinking** questions that consist of short answer questions that relate to our class reflection and your earlier formative. *(Rubric in Schoology; In-class the week of 11/3-11/5)*
4. **Resources:** Posters with helpful background information have been provided for each delegation. In addition, online resources including outlines of what each political group wanted, will be provided to students on our class website.

Remember, be respectful! Your main goal is to write Reconstruction plans that offers the **best chance of long lasting peace**...a future where the Civil Rights Movement never had to take place!

\*All materials are in Schoology and on our Class Website:

bit.ly/3AXZRCQ​​

**DEBATE DAY-**

**Today, you will meet with your Delegation of like minded political opinions and complete your graphic organizer**. To get started, complete this out when you meet with your delegation. Each delegation represents one of the 4 opposing views at the end of the Civil War – *Moderate Republicans, Radical Republicans, Southern Democrats, & Freedmen*

**The BIG QUESTIONS:**

· What does your delegation WANT or NEED?

· What other delegation might be SUPPORTIVE of your demand?

· What other delegation might OPPOSE your demand?

**Possible TOPICS for Demands:**

| **Representation in Congress - Political** | **Citizenship/Rights - Political & Social** | **Employment - Economic and Social** |
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| **$$$ Assistance from the government - Economic** | **Taxes - Economic** | **Voting - Political** |
| **Housing - Social** | **Education - Social** | **Land Distribution - Economic** |

**GRAPHIC ORGANIZER** - Complete with your like-minded delegation

|  | 1st Demand | 2nd Demand | 3rd Demand | 4th Demand | 5th Demand |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Topic: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Demand:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Is it a Social,  Economic, or Political Demand? |  |  |  |  |  |

Remember…not ALL of your demands will make it onto the final Reconstruction Plan…be ready to compromise!