Reconstruction Worksheet

Open http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohtml/exhibit/aopart5.html and answer the following questions.

1. Which amendment abolished slavery?

2. What was the purpose of Reconstruction?

3. How did most southerners feel about Reconstruction?

4. During Reconstruction, what rights were African-Americans able to enjoy?

5. Click to enlarge Thomas Nast’s Emancipation. How does the image in the foreground contrast with those in the background? Why do you think Lincoln is at the center of this poster?

6. How would you describe the reception of the USCT in Mustered Out?

7. Who were the “Exodusters” and where did they go?

8. Why do you think so many African-Americans left the South and went other places?

9. Despite the migration of the “Exodusters,” where is the heaviest population of African-Americans concentrated according to the 1898 map?

10. What do these pages from the plantation account book show about African-American labor after abolition?

11. What changes occurred during Reconstruction concerning education for African-Americans?

12. What was the 15th Amendment to the Constitution?

13. How did the Radical Republicans feel about this amendment?
14. Click on “The First Vote” to enlarge. How would you describe the demeanor of the men waiting in line to vote?

15. How did franchise rights for African-Americans affect the make-up of the U.S. Congress and several southern legislatures?

16. Click on “Heroes of the Colored Race” to enlarge. Who are some of the heroes featured in the foreground of the image?

17. What do the scenes in the background of “Heroes of the Colored Race” represent?

18. What role did the church play in the lives of African-Americans during Reconstruction?