

**Historical Investigation: Reconstruction and African American Rights
Note Capture Sheet**

Directions: Using the list of websites, you will investigate several types of primary source documents found on the web in order to determine the impact that Reconstruction, and the events associated with Reconstruction, had on African Americans. Your job will ultimately be to determine whether Reconstruction caused more change for African Americans, or whether it caused more continuity. For each document, complete analysis of the document using the chart below.

Document Title: Emancipation

Author/Source: Thomas Nast

Context: The Civil War is over. African Americans are freed

Observations from text, picture	Questions about text, picture	Potential Answers/ Inferences
<p>Title: Emancipation Bottom- Abe Lincoln On the left, a woman appears to be getting whipped. There is also a picture of families hugging each other. One mother is on her knees, looking at a white man.</p> <p>On the Right, there are kids running out of a house- they are going to school. There is a line at a “cashier.”</p>	<p>1) Why is the title Emancipation? Is this showing what it was like be freed?</p> <p>2) Who is Thomas Nast?</p> <p>3) Why in the picture on the left, are the black families hugging? Are they going somewhere?</p> <p>4) What about the line at the cashier? Why would there be a line there?</p>	<p>1) Seems to be a positive portrayal of freedom. Freedoms are contrasted with slavery.</p> <p>2) Not sure- an African American?</p> <p>3) It seems like the families are being “sold.” I see a white man that looks like he is the auctioneer.</p> <p>4) I’m not sure why this is there. Maybe this shows African Americans getting a pay check. And they never got pay checks before.</p>