Lesson 6:

Supplemental Web Activity on Reconstruction

Visit the site http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/reconstruction/

Click on “Northerners in the South”
Watch the Mini-Documentary about Marshall Twitchell and answer the following questions below.

1. What was the Freedmen’s Bureau?

2. What was Twitchell’s job?

3. How did the African-American vote effect Twitchell’s campaign?

4. Who were the “carpetbaggers”?

5. What happened to some of Twitchell’s family members and associates?

Go back to the last page and click on “Slave to Sharecropper.” Read the short introduction on the left and then click on the primary source “Not Free Yet.” Answer the following questions.

1. What benefits was in the contract for Henry Adams, if any? Who seems to get the better side of this labor contract – Adams or his former slave owner?

2. Why did the former owner tell Adams he should continue to work where he had been working as a slave?

3. What happened to Adams on his way to Shreveport?

4. What are some examples of things that do NOT change as a result of emancipation?

Click on the other two primary sources concerning labor contracts.

1. How are these contracts similar? Different?

Return to the “Slave to Sharecropper” page and click on “watch video clips.”

View “Cotton Economy.”
1. What was the biggest worry of whites after emancipation?

2. Why don’t African-Americans want to be in the cotton fields anymore?
View “Violence and Intimidation.”
1. What was the purpose of the violence directed at African-Americans?
2. What were the “black codes?”

View “Sharecropping.”
1. What were the attitudes of Butler’s former slaves?
2. What was the agreement between the two sides?

View “Making Something Out of Nothing.”
1. What happens when it’s time to sign contracts with Butler?
2. What was Tunis Campbell trying to do?

View “End of Reconstruction.”
1. Why and when did Reconstruction end?
2. What was the deal about?
3. What effect did the end of Reconstruction have on African-Americans?

After watching these clips, go to “White Men Unite” from the main Reconstruction page.

In video clips, watch “War of Terror.”
Then, view the primary source “First Class Men of Our Town.”
1. Who was Abram Colby?
2. What group attacked Colby and why?
3. How did they assault him?
4. What types of jobs did these attacking men have?
5. What had these men tried to bribe Colby for two days before this attack?
6. What basic constitutional right was denied to Republicans in Georgia during this period?