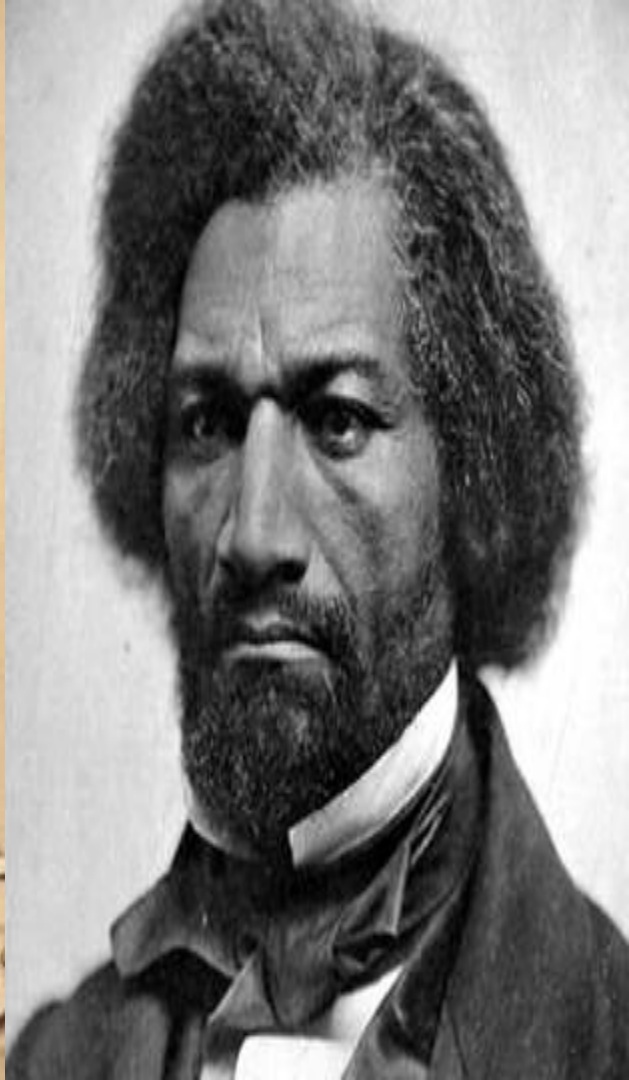


KEY BLACK FIGURES DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION



ROBERT B. ELLIOTT

In 1868, he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. The next year he was appointed assistant adjutant-general; he was the first African-American commanding general of the South Carolina National Guard. As part of his job, he helped form a state militia to fight the Ku Klux Klan

IDA B. WELLS

Internationally known journalist/writer, abolitionist, and feminist Ida B. Wells **dedicated her life to combating the violence and racism toward African Americans during the post-Reconstruction era through writing**, a time when such activism from a woman of color was uncommon and extremely dangerous.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Reconstruction reforms stretched far beyond voting rights. Douglass was an early advocate of the Freedman's Savings Bank, understanding the need of working-class African Americans, former slaves, and Black churches and charities to build their savings.

HIRAM RHODES REVELS

He raised two black regiments during the Civil War and fought at the Battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi. **The Mississippi state legislature sent him to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate during Reconstruction**, and he quickly became an outspoken opponent of racial segregation.

Exit Ticket: How did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era?
