**Knowledge Organizer: Reconstruction**

***What do 5th Graders need to know about Reconstruction***

***to tell the story of Promise Land?***

**Citation Key:**

BC = Bethune-Cookman

C = Cheyney

# = Group Number

* **What:** “A social, economic, and political revolution” (BC1)
* **When:** 1860s – 1900s (*note – these exact dates are disputed!)*, during & after the American Civil War
* African-Americans were elected as state senators and representatives for the first time (C5)
* It was made legal for African-American men to vote (C2). However, White supremacists suppressed Black voting through violence and sought to reinstate legal racial hierarchy (C6).
* Reconstruction was a time of great violence (BC5), but Black Americans resisted this violence (BC1)
* Schools were established for and by African-Americans where there were none in the South before (BC6)
* Thousands of schools and churches were established for and by Black people (BC2)