

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 = Cheney

= 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)