

Reconstruction in Five Acts
 Unit by Ascend Social Studies,
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Reconstruction & Enslavement Student Response Packet

Name: Maleia John Date: 11/19/23 Class: 8B

Essential Question: How did Black Americans build and ^{use} utilize power and agency during enslavement? How did Black Americans push back white supremacy and move America towards its democratic ideal and identity?

Do Now

What does the word power mean to you?

The word power means to have a higher influence over someone or something.

Background and Context

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| Power | a right or authority that is delegated to a person or a body, political or social authority, or the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behavior of others or the course of events |
| Agency | the ability to choose what you do |

Stop and Jot: Did enslaved Blacks have power or agency? Explain.

power or agency
Enslaved Blacks didn't have power or agency because they were being controlled by white plantation owners and were brutally forced to perform manual labor.

Student Investigation

Read: Page 1 and 2. Read the Yellow Box on Page 3. Read Page 4-9. As you read, answer the following questions and complete the graphic organizer.

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sanitizer

commercialized - economic gain

racialized - race based

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1. How did the system of slavery change after the 15th century?

Before the 15th century, enslavement was not based on race, but the system of slavery in the 15th century introduced a system of slavery that was commercialized, racialized, and inherited.

2. What action did the Roman Catholic Church take, and what impact did this have?

The Catholic Church ^{spread the word of God and} granted Portugal and Spain a monopoly of trade in West Africa. This allowed the countries to colonize West Africa in search of gold and land.

3. Who was Queen Njinga? Why was she significant?

Queen Njinga was leader of the Kingdom Ndongo and fought against Portuguese forces to protect the land of Matamba, provided shelter for runaway slaves, and made peace with Portugal.

| How did Blacks show power and agency? | What was the result/impact?-Describe the result or the impact that these actions had, or what happened as a result. |
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Name: Jonathan W Date: 1/14/22 Class: Amherst

Essential Question: How did Black Americans build and utilize ^{used} power and agency during enslavement? How did Black Americans push back white supremacy and move America towards its democratic ideal and identity?

Do Now

What does the word power mean to you?

Control over something powerful
 Ability to influence

Background and Context

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| Power | A right or authority that is social authority in the capacity |
| Agency | ability to direct or influence behavior of others or the events / action or intervention |

delegated
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as such to produce a particular result.

Stop and Jot: Did enslaved Blacks have power or agency? Explain.

Black people did NOT have power because they was not able to vote and they did not have the right to do anything.

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forced labor was not uncommon Africa, Americas and Europe had been trading goods and people across the Mediterranean for centuries.
 commercial, racialized, inherited. - properly

2. What action did the Roman Catholic Church take, and what impact did this have?

divided the world in half granting portu- guese a monopoly on trade in west africa and Spain the right to colonize the new world in it quest for land and gold

3. Who was Queen Njinga? Why was she significant?

she ruled over angola rights people helps shelter runaway slaves peace

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Name: Brenda Sanchez Date: 11/19/23 Class: 8B

Essential Question: How did Black Americans build and utilize power and agency during enslavement? How did Black Americans push back white supremacy and move America towards its democratic ideal and identity? → use

Do Now

What does the word power mean to you?

Power in my opinion is when someone has a lot of influence as a large group. Influence could come from money, status, authority, and more.

Background and Context

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| Power | A right or authority that is delegated to a person or body. political/social authority. influence |
| Agency | -The ability to choose what you do |

behavior of others

Stop and Jot: Did enslaved Blacks have power or agency? Explain.

No, enslaved blacks had no power or agency as the whole point of slavery was to take these away in order for labor to be dominant.

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1. How did the system of slavery change after the 15th century?

Slavery was much more prominent with the trans-Atlantic slave trade, which led many enslaved Africans to forcefully get exported and used as another trading supply. Slavery in the colonies was much more prominent with race.

Slavery
→ Colonies
→ Imp

economic gain

↓ Commercialize

colonized, and inferior

2. What action did the Roman Catholic Church take, and what impact did this have?

The Roman Catholic church made a contract that permitted shipment of enslaved Africans as trading commodities. Other places followed in these steps and many formed similar trades, which eventually led to the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

3. Who was Queen Njinga? Why was she significant?

Queen Njinga was the queen of Ndongo. Queen Njinga made peace with Portugal after Portugal's attempts of colonizing their territory. She also shut down her own slaves and overall improved the economic system of their environment.

↑ need taxes

↓ prosperity

| How did Blacks show power and agency? | What was the result/impact?-Describe the result or the impact that these actions had, or what happened as a result. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suicide / Starvation - Rebellions - Shelter to escaped Africans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Captured Africans would die on their own terms & provided less profit for capturers - created forms of freedom for moments, feared by whites - provided freedom and moral liberties against |

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Name: Layla Barry Date: 1-14-23 Class: 8B Amberst

Essential Question: How did Black Americans build and use power and agency during enslavement? How did Black Americans push back white supremacy and move America towards its democratic ideal and identity?

Do Now

What does the word power mean to you?

Power means having control over a large group of people.

Background and Context

Table with 2 columns: Term (Power, Agency) and Definition (a right or authority that is delegated to a person or a body, political or social authority, or the capacity to influence the behavior of other or the course of events; action or intervention especially such to produce a particular result).

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No because white people did not let them because of their color.

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American started using Africans as
a free source of labor
commercialized inherited
racialized

2. What action did the Roman Catholic Church take, and what impact did this have?

It divided the world in half and allowed
slavery.

3. Who was Queen Njinga? Why was she significant?

She made peace with Portugal. She provided
shelter for runaway slaves.

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