

Reconstruction Student Response Packet

Name: Harley Brissett Date: 11/20/2023 Class: Amherst

Essential Question: Who were the key black figures during the Reconstruction Era and how did they demonstrate power and agency?

Do Now
Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

I do believe there was a time when black Americans grew in power because there were times where they were elected into congress positions.

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

A black elite is someone who has done something that helped the advancement of black people. Characteristics they possess are leadership, charisma, and being influential.

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show Gilded Age.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?
African Americans had jobs such as scientists, lawyers, and politicians during this time. Some had also started businesses.
2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
African Americans did gain power during this time because they had started to gain good jobs and started their own businesses.
3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?

Based on the featurette what surprised me the most was the jobs black people had gained. Something I already knew from past lessons was that white people had feared black people would take their jobs.

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4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

Reconstruction in Brooklyn is significant because black people had started to gain wealth, have good jobs, and start businesses.

Student Investigation

At this point we all know that the black elites existed during the Reconstruction. They were able to gain this status based on the people who fought for their rights around the country. Identify the key black contributors to the Reconstruction Era. Utilize the slide to summarize the impact of each of the contributors below.

1. Robert B Elliott

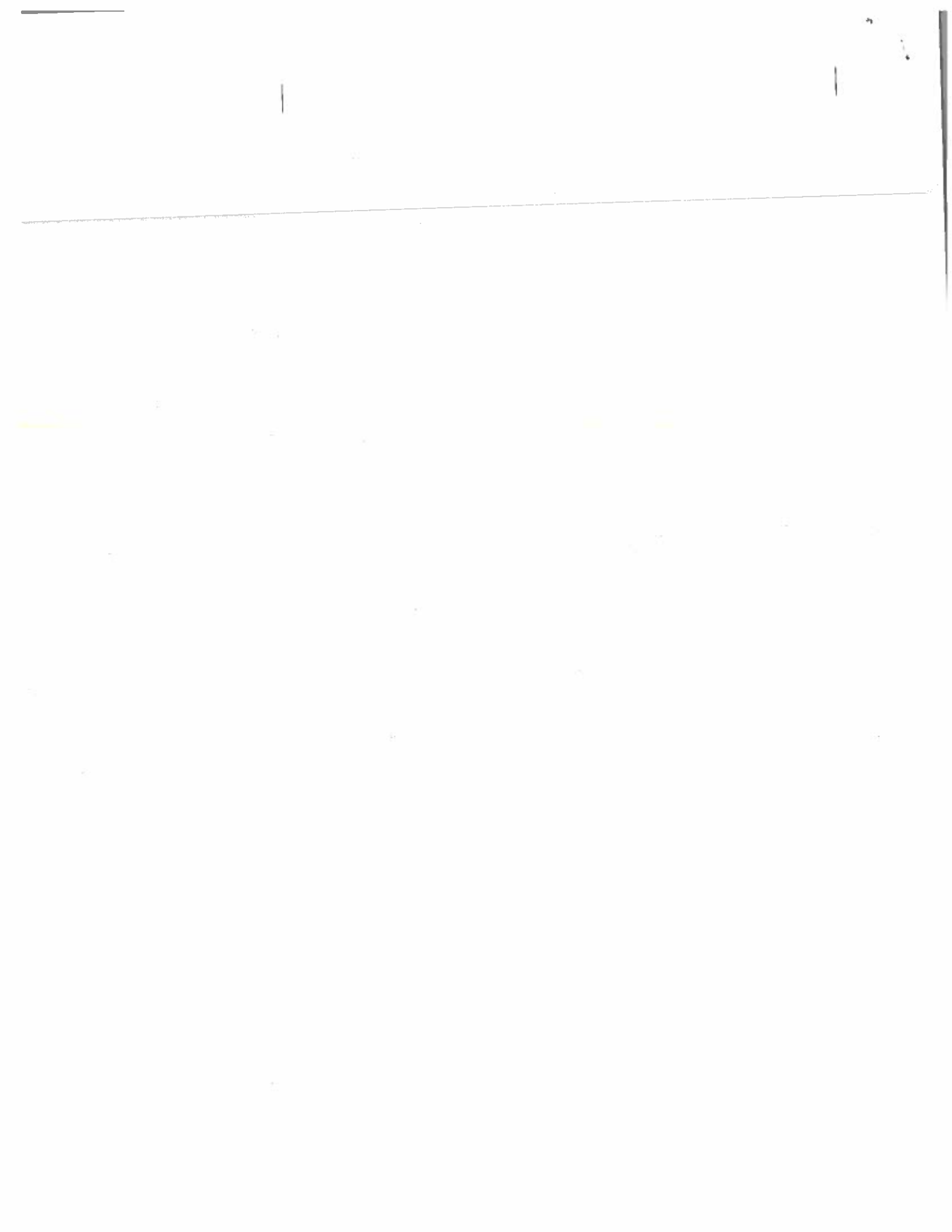
Robert B Elliott helped fight against the Ku Klux Klan and him being the first African American commanding general helped black people.

2. Ida B Wells

Ida B Wells had many accomplishments, she fought against violence

3. Frederick Douglass

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels



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Name: Timothy Archer Date: 1-20-23 Class: 8B

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Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

yes, because they eventually gained the rights to vote, gained more rights and stuff.

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

A black person with more rights or power than others, a leader, rights activia.

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show Gilded Age.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?

scientist, owned bussniess like newspapers.

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.

yes, because they had politicians, and owned bussniess, and gained new jobs.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?

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That they got many jobs that allowed them to be in the middle class.

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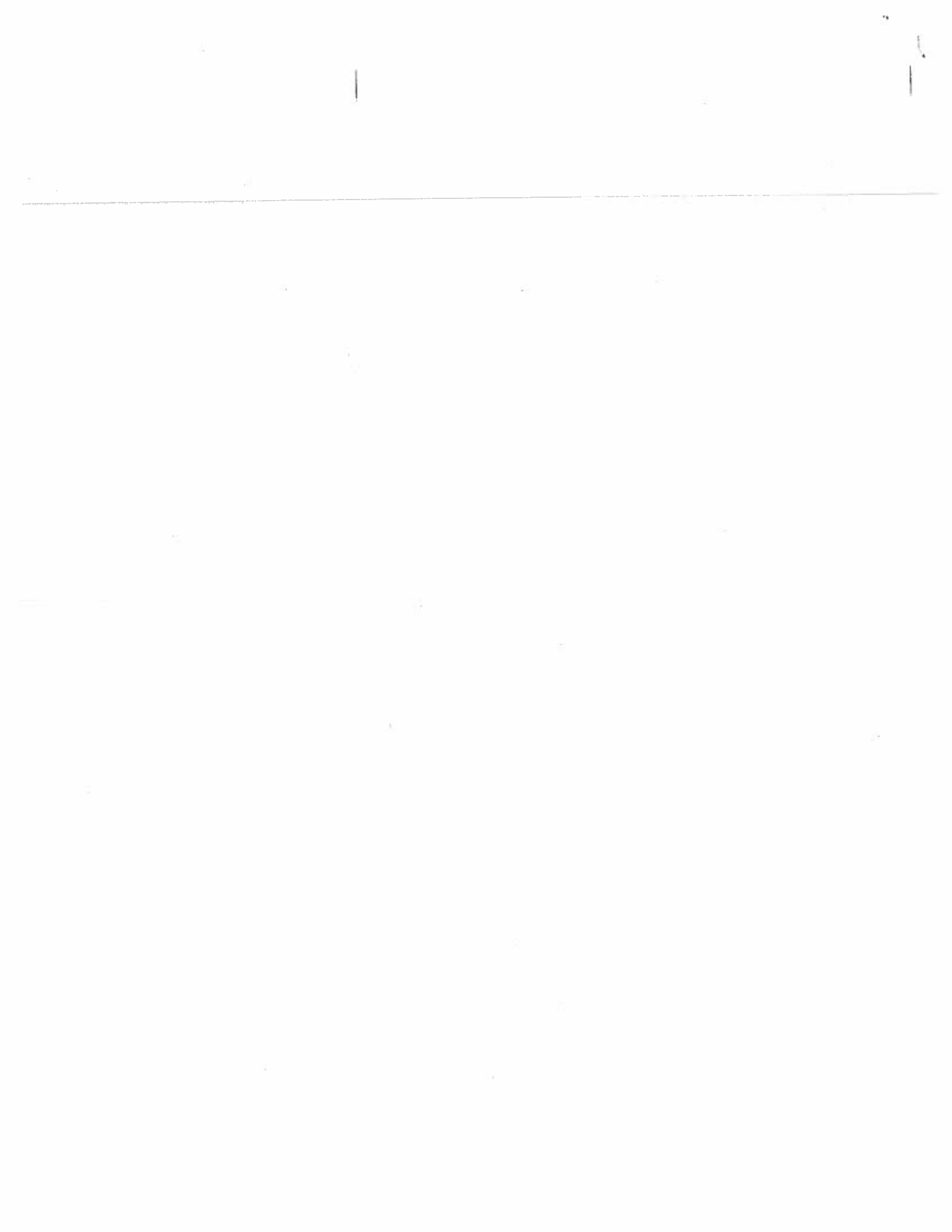
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1. **Robert B Elliott**
He was the first African-American commanding general, and fought the KKK

2. **Ida B Wells**
She fought to combat racism and this was uncommon and dangerous for a woman of color at the time.

3. **Frederick Douglass**
was a early advocate

4. **Hiram Rhodes Revels**



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Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

I believe that black Americans grew in power
before slavery in the U.S. and across the globe and
after slavery during the civil rights movement

• slave rebellions

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

A powerful group of black Americans that were
brave, had influence, and access to education

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show Gilded Age.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?

Many African Americans worked as pharmacist,
lawyers, politicians,

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.

African Americans gained power and also had
limited power because they were able to gain their
own wealth, but still faced racial violence and
racism.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?

rich
 businesses
 lawyers
 politicians

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1. Robert B Elliott

Elliott was elected to the South Carolina house of representatives and used his power to fight KKK

2. Ida B Wells

Wells dedicated her life to fighting racism and violence against African Americans during a time where women activist of color were uncommon

3. Frederick Douglass

Douglass advocated for African Americans to build savings and wealth.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
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Name: Jonathan W Date: 11/20/23 Class: 6th

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Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

Yes, when blacks started to start rebellions and started to resist white people and slavery.

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

Black elite is people who has brakers, leader, strong smatter use of blacks, heavy black politics.

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show *Gilded Age*.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?

lawyers, scientists, politicians, newsmen, pharmacist

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.

I think that african americans gained power during this time.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?

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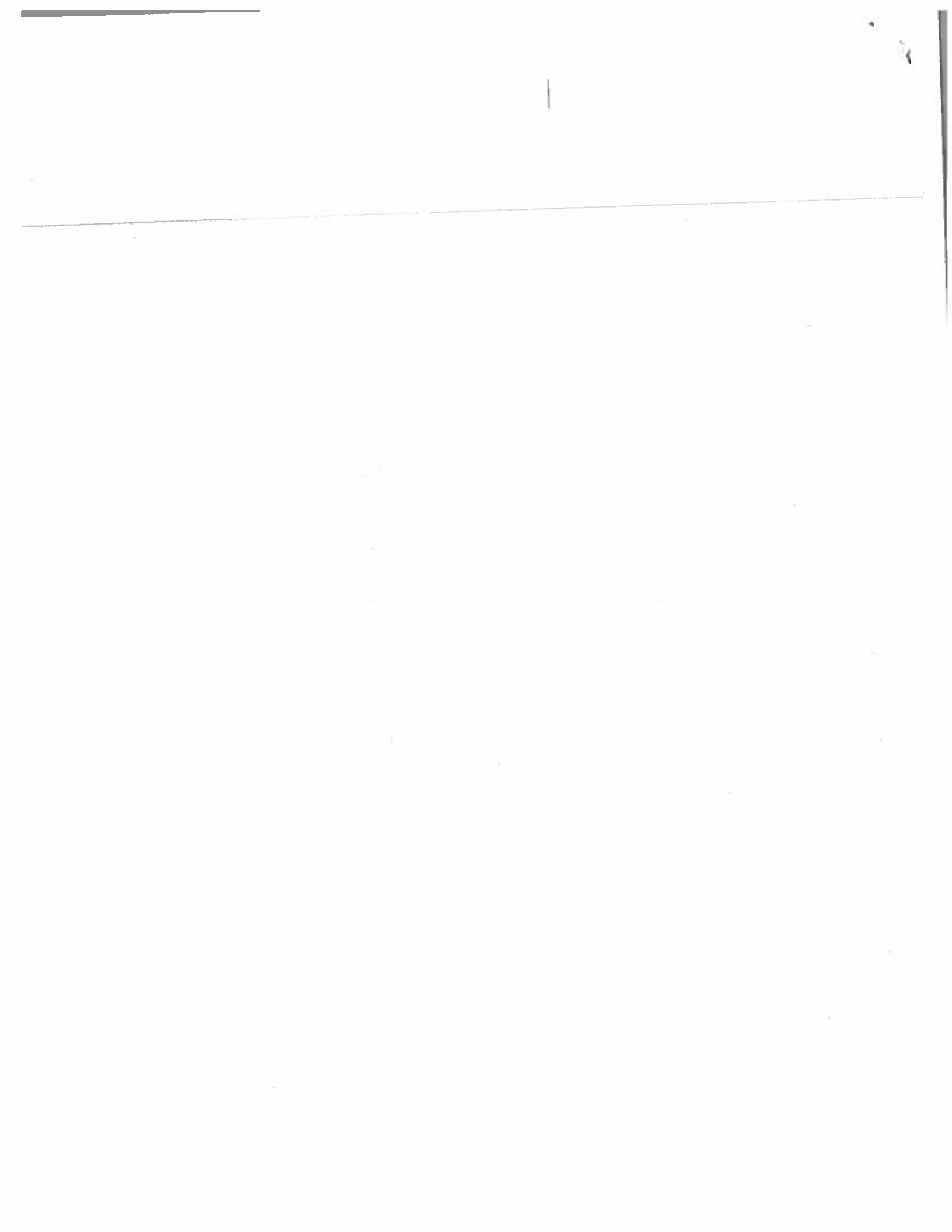
1. Robert B Elliott

Robert B Elliott was elected to South Carolina
 house of representatives. later he was
 assigned to an assistant general. he was the
 first African American to join the military
 general. later he helped the state military
 the 1619

2. Ida B Wells

3. Frederick Douglass

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels



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Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

Yes and no, while BAs gained more agency by
power, most of that freedom/power was heavily
limited in order to keep them at the bottom

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

A black elite is a black person who has a lot
of power

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show *Gilded Age*.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?
AAs were getting newspaper producers, business owners,
lawyers and essentially many advanced jobs that
they could not before.
2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
Yes, many AAs had the ability to accumulate
wealth & influence due to opportunities
3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?
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1. Robert B Elliott

Robert Elliott formed a state military against the KKK and became the first AA commanding general of the South Carolina guard.

2. Ida B Wells

Wells was one of the only prominent female activists

3. Frederick Douglass

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels

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Name: Layla Barry Date: 1-20-23 Class: 8B

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Based on what you know from prior classes, do you believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power?

I do believe there was a point in time where blacks grew in power.

Background and Context

What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

• Bravery • Mass influence • Leaders

Respond to the following prompts as you watch and analyze this featurette video from the show *Gilded Age*.

1. What kind of jobs were African Americans getting during this time in America?

politicians, scientists, doctors

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.

I do believe they gained power because they had more opportunities.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?

Nothing surprised me because that is what I would expect, all the racism and injustice.

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Ku Klux Klan

2. Ida B Wells

she dedicated her life to combating the violence
and racist toward African Americans.

3. Frederick Douglass

He helped black Americans raise and save
money.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels

The Mississippi State legislature sent him
to fill a vacancy in the U.S. senate during
reconstruction.

