Reconstruction in Five Acts
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Reconstruction Student Response Packet

Name: Mercedes McCray Date: Jan 30, 2023 Class: Hunter 8C

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?
Yes, I do believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power. During Reconstruction, the first black men were elected into Congress, a governmental position of power.

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

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?
   - Servants
   - Housekeepers
   - Business owners
   - Doctors
   - Lawyers
   - Scientists
   - Pharmacists

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
   Yes, I believe African Americans gained power during the Gilded Age.

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


4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

A lot of the middle class moved to Brooklyn, free from the discrimination in the South.

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**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

2. Ida B Wells

3. Frederick Douglass

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
Reconstruction Student Response Packet Exit Ticket

Name: __________________________ Date: ___________ Class: ___________

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era? Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and analysis, and a conclusion.

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Reconstruction Student Response Packet

Name: Yevgeniya Tzahary Date: 1/20/23 Class: 6C

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?
Yes, I do believe that there was a point in time when black Americans began to grow in power in ways such as rebellions.

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

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?
They were getting lawyers, scientists, businesses they were booming in wealth.

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
Yes, because a new powerful black generation was born full of success and wealth.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?
What surprised me the most was how very successful black Americans were during this "Black elite". These are moments when Black Americans were very powerful such as when they would fight in and lead rebellions.
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
   The first African American commanding general of the South Carolina National Guard. He helped to fight the Ku Klux Klan.

2. Ida B Wells
   Journalist and abolitionist who dedicated his life to combating racism and violence towards African Americans during the post-Reconstruction era.

3. Frederick Douglass
   An early advocate for the freedmen's savings bank. He built black churches and charities to build their savings.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   Fought at the Battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi. He quickly became an outspoken opponent of racial segregation.
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Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era?
Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and
analysis, and a conclusion

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**Reconstruction Student Response Packet**

**Name:** Aiden John  
**Date:** 1/20/23  
**Class:** 8C

**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?

There was a point where they gained power, where they would rebel and fight back. Even after slavery ended they continued to fight back for their rights.

**Background and Context**
What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?

They were probably a group of black people that fought back against racism during the Gilded Age.

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?**

   They were becoming lawyers, scientists, pharmacists, and they were becoming wealth.

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

   Yes, they were able to get power and get jobs to take care of them self.

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

   That black people never gave up during hard times and still tried their hardest.
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4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

The reconstruction in Brooklyn was good because
many black people got better and good jobs. Most of the
middle class moved to Brooklyn.

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
   In 1868, he got elected to the South
   Carolina house of representatives. He is the first
   African American Commanding General of the South

2. Ida B Wells
   She was a journalist, abolitionist and feminist
   who fought against racism toward black Americans

3. Frederick Douglass
   He was an advocate of freedmen savings
   banks for the working-class black communities

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   He fought in the battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi
   He became an opponent for racial segregation
Reconstruction Student Response Packet Exit Ticket

Name: Aiden John    Date: 1/20/23    Class: BC

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era? Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and analysis, and a conclusion.
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Name: Jose Rodriguez Date: 1/20/23 Class: Hunter

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 believe there was a time when Black Americans grew in power. I believe it was when slaves began to resist against slavers.

Background and Context

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

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?
They were in pharmacy, doctors, lawyers, business owners, doctors, lawyers.

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
Yes, I believe they gained power because they were able to get jobs. They were getting involved.

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


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4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

It provided opportunities for black people. Brooklyn was where the black middle class was, they gained homes and jobs.

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
   He was appointed adjutant general; he was the first African-American commanding general of the South Carolina National Guard.

2. Ida B Wells
   She dedicated her life to combating violence and racism toward African-Americans during the post-Reconstruction era.

3. Frederick Douglass
   Douglass was an advocate of the Freedmen's Bureau, helping to find work for working-class African-Americans. Former slaves, black churches, and charities to build their own homes.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   He fought in the battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi, by Mississippi state legislature, sent him to fill the US Senate during Reconstruction.
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Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era? Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and analysis, and a conclusion.
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Name: Michael Toro  Date: 1/20/23  Class: 8C

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?

Yes, I believe that they would gain influence over sympathizers and fellow black americans.

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

They are due to sustain themselves.

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?

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

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?
4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

Brooklyn is where the BlackPredator cases would come.

**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
   - He was part of commanding the Army of the national guard to help fight the

2. Ida B Wells
   - She was a potent force for the abolition
   - She dedicated her life to stopping violence
   - She was a leader in the cause of African Americans

3. Frederick Douglass
   - He was a powerful advocate for the rights of African Americans
   - He was instrumental in the fight for equality

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   - He was a potent force for the African American community during the Reconstruction
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Name: __________________________ Date: ___________ Class: ________________

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era?
Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and analysis, and a conclusion

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Reconstruction Student Response Packet

Name: [Student Name]      Date: May 20, 2023      Class: [Class]

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 believe there was a time when black Americans began to grow in power. Blacks are getting an education, their free from slavery, and their able to earn money.

Background and Context

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

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 were working in factories, they were business owners, scientists, and students.

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
   I do believe that African Americans gained power during this time because some black people were able to become successful.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?
4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

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
   Elliott was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1867. He was the first African-American commanding general of the South Carolina National Guard.

2. Ida B. Wells
   Ida B. Wells was a journalist, abolitionist, and feminist. She dedicated her life to combating the violence and racism toward African Americans during the post-Reconstruction era.

3. Frederick Douglass
   Douglass was an early advocate of the Freedman's Saving Bank, understanding the needs of working-class African Americans, saving slaves, and black churches and charities to build their savings.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   Revels 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.
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Name: Carl Allen          Date: Sun 20.02.2023          Class: Hunter College

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era? Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and analysis, and a conclusion.

From the start, in 1619, Black people never had rights and were stuck under the control of white people.
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Name: Tari B. Date: January 26th Class: Hunter 8C

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?
Yes, there was a point in time where black Americans grew in power. (where they owned places in government were able to market their own businesses and prof. etc. Black workers)

Background and Context
What do you think is a black elite? What characteristics do they possess?
The black elite was probably a group of black Americans born without enslavement, accumulating their wealth, producing businesses and asserting their rights in the world.

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?
   Pharmacists, entrepeneurship, business owners, doctors, lawyers, and scientists.

2. Do you believe that African Americans gained power during this time? Explain.
   Yes because they asserted their place and establishment in the world by producing businesses and working for pieces of work.

3. Based on the featurette, what surprised you the most and what did you already know from past lessons?
   What surprised me specifically was seeing what black people were able to accomplish in a world full of people that never want to see them thrive.
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4. What makes the Reconstruction in Brooklyn so significant?

Reconstruction in Brooklyn was significant because Brooklyn was basically a passageway for Black Americans to grow.

Student Investigation

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1. Robert B Elliott
   1868 - Elected to South Carolina house of representatives + became the first AA in the SC National Guard, helped in forming a fight against the KKK.

2. Ida B Wells
   Journalist, abolitionist, and feminist who centered her life around fighting racism and violence towards AA's post-Reconstruction.

3. Frederick Douglass
   Early advocate of the Freedmen's Savings Bank, understood what Black people needed as a working community who was establishing their place in the world.

4. Hiram Rhodes Revels
   - Outspoken opponent of racial segregation
   - Raised 2 regiments during the Civil War + fought in the battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi
   - Was sent a vacancy to fill in as U.S. Senate.
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Name: Tim B.          Date: January 20th          Class: Hunter

Prompt: how did the Black elite demonstrate power and agency during the Reconstruction era?
Ensure your response includes background and context, a thesis, two pieces of evidence and
analysis, and a conclusion.

Reconstruction was the time period from 1865-1877 following the U.S. Civil
War. It was a time where everybody was trying to repair the damages from
the war while also making the U.S. more integrated. Slavery was abolished
and Black Americans were trying to establish their way in the world. Racism
was still present and for some time.