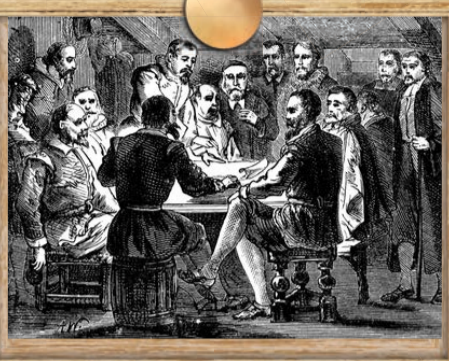
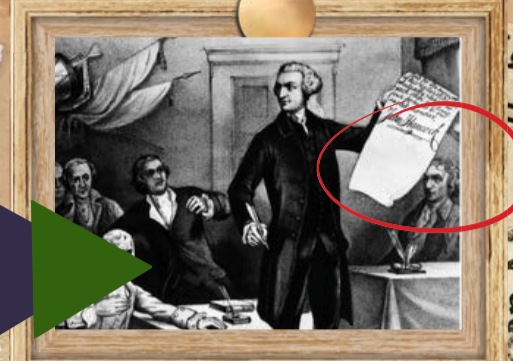


4.5.P: Summarize Reconstruction as a turning point in American history.
 4.5.CC: Identify and evaluate the impact of economic, political, and social events on the African American experience throughout Reconstruction.
 Standard 4.5.CE: Analyze the impact of federal legislation on the South during Reconstruction.

Shaping the way for the Civil Rights Movement

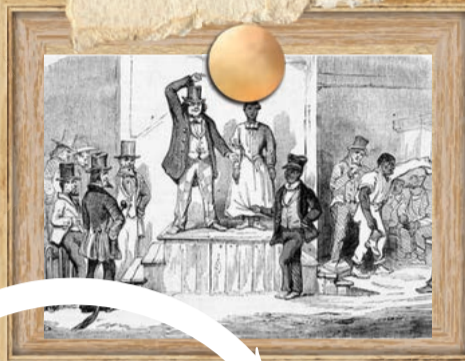


Slave auctions revealed the contradiction of a nation seeking liberty while enslaving others.



The Declaration of Independence promised "All men are created equal". Argue the implications of its principles for enslaved people.

The signing of the Mayflower Compact was the first step towards self-governance in Colonial America. How was this event a depiction of early civil rights?

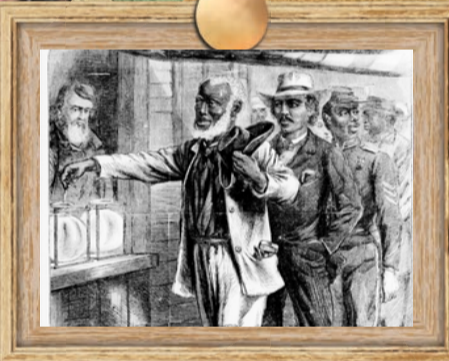
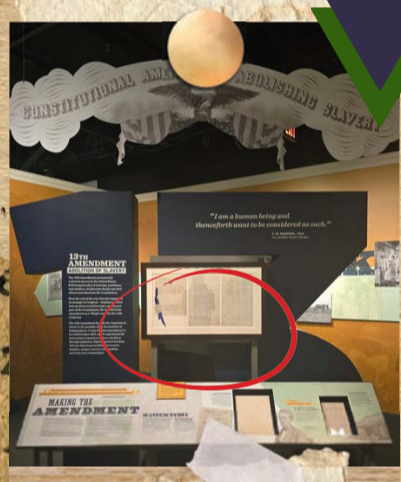


With the 13th Amendment, Congress took the first step to end slavery in 1865. Examine the language of the 13th Amendment and its intended impact.



In response to abolition, sharecropping and black codes rose as new forms of bondage. Compare and contrast the ideals of freedom and African American's new way of life. What are your interpretations?

When General Lee surrendered, the Civil War ended, and the divided United States sought to reunite.

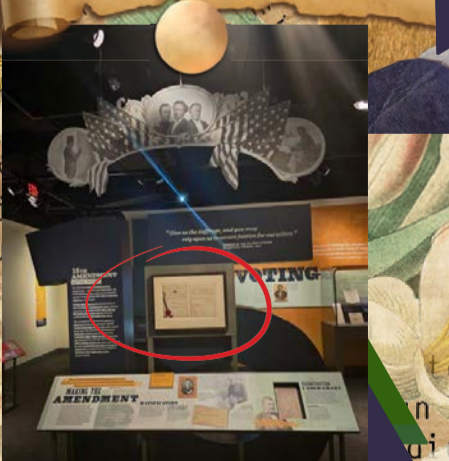
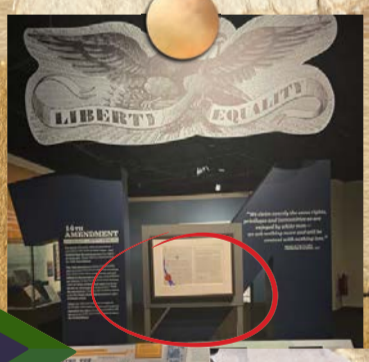


Examine the language of the 14th Amendment and its intended impact. How did the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment seek to protect the rights of all citizens? Why was its enforcement challenging?



Analyze the political cartoon and discuss its impact on Reconstruction.

Blacks were freed, but not equal. The aftermath of the 13th Amendment is when their fight for true equality began.



Literacy tests and poll taxes limited the effectiveness of the 15th Amendment. Analyze and discuss the political cartoon:



How did the actions of various groups during Reconstruction lead to the undermining of the 15th Amendment's voting rights, and what impact did this have on the Civil Rights Movement?

The 15th Amendment, ratified in 1870, granted African American men the right to vote. Examine the language of the 15th Amendment. What is its intended impact on American democracy?

Discuss:

How did the Reconstruction Amendments lay the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement?

