

# AP US History Reconstruction Deconstructed Project

## Project Focus:

Students are to work in small groups to create a Video Project (15 minutes total length) that answers **3** critical content questions

### 1. What were the phases of Reconstruction?

- Students must address the phases of Reconstruction
  - i. Wartime Reconstruction
  - ii. Presidential Reconstruction
  - iii. Congressional Reconstruction
  - iv. Redemption?
- Students must evaluate the goals, policies, and outcomes of each phase of Reconstruction

### 2. What caused the failure of Reconstruction?

- Students must address the policies and outcomes of each phase of Reconstruction
- Questions to consider:
  - i. What role did Lincoln's assassination play?
  - ii. What role did the policies of Andrew Johnson play?
  - iii. What was the status of American race relations?
  - iv. What role did the Panic of 1873 play?
  - v. What was the role of the US Supreme Court?
  - vi. Reconstruction leadership?

### 3. What is the lasting impact of the failure of Reconstruction?

- Students the immediate impact of the failure of Reconstruction in the onset of the Jim Crow Era?
- Students must provide specific historical evidence to support your claims: the evidence must span from 1877 to 2023
- Students must address the evolution of American race relations from 1877 to 2023

## Project Content & Process

1. Each group member must submit an outline of the Video presentation
  - Outline must provide an overview of the content of each slide for the video

2. The video needs to include a map, chart, and visuals for each content question
  - Include political cartoons, paintings, magazine covers, etc.
3. Video cannot be longer than 15 minutes in length.
  - Each content question segment should be approx. 5 mins in length
4. Each group member must participate in the creation and narration of the video
5. Each video must include a title slide that has the names of each group member
6. Do not read the presentation...talk through the history. Explain the history and provide analysis