

## Ch2.4 Freedmen's Bureau Organizer

### Vocabulary

- \_\_\_\_\_ Freedmen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reconstruction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ten Percent Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Amnesty
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wade-Davis Bill
- \_\_\_\_\_ Freedmen's Bureau

- A. Congress' rival plan for admitting Southern states back into the Union.
- B. The name given to men and women who had been slaves but were now free.
- C. A newly formed government agency which provided food, clothing, housing, jobs and medical care to poor Americans.
- D. An official pardon [forgiveness] for people who have been convicted of political offenses [crimes].
- E. The term used to describe the rebuilding of the South after the Civil War.
- F. President Lincoln's plan for admitting Southern states back into the Union.

#### Today's Thinking Focus Question:

What was President Lincoln's plan for reuniting the nation?

#### What DO YOU Think?

If you were a Southern plantation owner who had lost everything in the war, how do you think you would feel toward the United States government?

Would you support your state rejoining the Union? Explain your answer.

#### Find a Solution

If you were President Lincoln back in 1865, would you think it was important to provide aid to the millions of slaves that had been freed? Why?

What type of assistance do you think freedmen would need to help them become self-sufficient (live successfully on their own)? **Make a list and describe how each item would benefit newly freed slaves.**

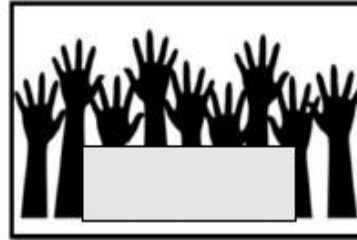
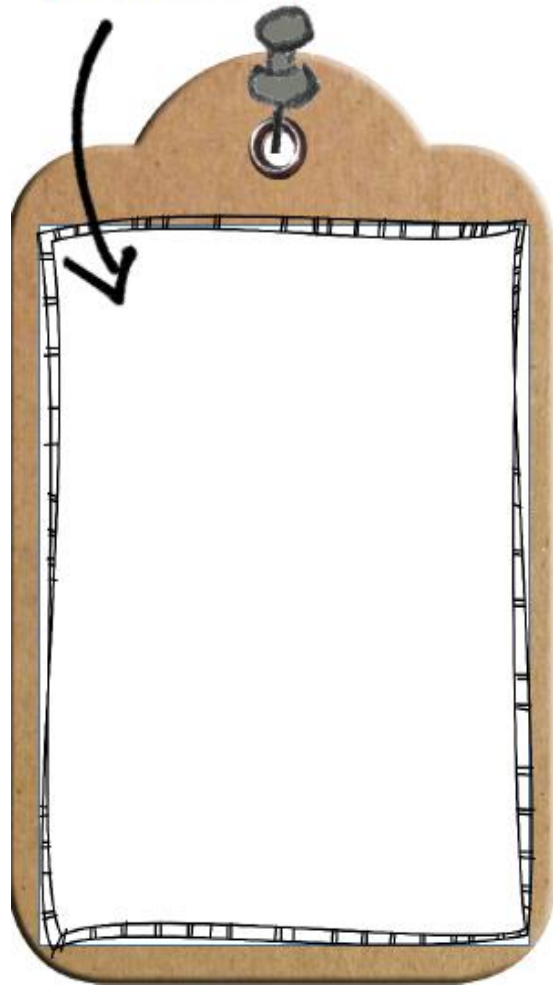


## Reconstruction: Which plan is best for the nation?

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

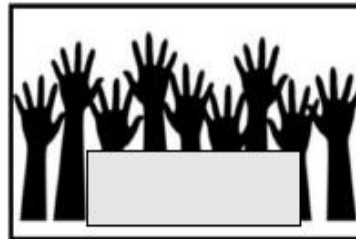
Which Reconstruction plan do you think is best for reuniting the country? Why?

(Write your answer here).



### The Ten Percent Plan

Explain the Ten Percent Plan in your own words.



### THE WADE-DAVIS BILL

Explain the Wade-Davis Bill in your own words.

Analyzing cause and effect.

**DIRECTIONS:** Analyze this flier to understand the anger and resentment some white men felt over the creation of the Freedmen's Bureau.

**THE FREEDMAN'S BUREAU!**

AN AGENCY TO KEEP THE **NEGRO** IN IDLENESS AT THE **EXPENSE** OF THE WHITE MAN.  
 TWICE VETOED BY THE **PRESIDENT**, AND MADE A LAW BY **CONGRESS**.  
**SUPPORT CONGRESS & YOU SUPPORT THE NEGRO. SUSTAIN THE PRESIDENT & YOU PROTECT THE WHITE MAN**

IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE SHALT THOU EAT THY BREAD

Freedman's Bureau! Negro Estimate of President!

NEGRO TROOPS \$300 Each as a Bounty

WHITE Veterans \$100 Each as a Bounty

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For 1864 and 1865, the FREEDMAN'S BUREAU cost the Tax-payers of the Nation at least TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. For 1866, THE SHARE of the Tax-payers of Pennsylvania will be about 600,000 DOLLARS. **GEAR** is FOR the Freedman's Bureau. **CLYMER** is OPPOSED to it.

1. **BACKGROUND:** The Freedmen's Bureau was established to help poor Americans, specifically freed African Americans. The agency was funded by the government with taxpayer money and provided food, shelter, education, and other vital services.

**ANALYSIS:** "The Freedman's Bureau! An agency to keep the Negro in idleness [doing nothing] at the expense of the white man." Why does the author believe the Freedmen's Bureau is responsible for creating idle "Negros"?"

- Looking over the flier, how else does the author try to convince the reader that the Freedman's Bureau only creates idle "Negros"?

*A*nalyzing cause and effect.

2. **BACKGROUND:** President Lincoln supported the Freedmen's Bureau and signed it into law when Congress created the bill. When Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, Vice President Andrew Johnson became President. Johnson did not believe poor African Americans should receive handouts and vetoed the Freedmen's Bureau. Congress then overrode the President's veto ensuring the bureau remained active.

**ANALYSIS:** "Support Congress & you support the Negro. Sustain the President & you protect the white man."  
Who does the author support in this flier? Why?

3. **IN YOUR OPINION:** Choose one and explain your answer.

- **AGAINST THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU:** Do you think the author has a valid point that only taxpaying citizens should receive benefits from the government (therefore freed slaves should receive nothing)? **OR**
- **FOR THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU:** Do you think African Americans are owed these services by the government since they worked for many years without receiving a paycheck? **OR**
- **A LITTLE OF BOTH:** Do you think the answer is a combination of both?

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