

# APPLYING My KNOWLEDge

**MAIN IDEA:** The first sentence of the paragraph summarizes your main reason/idea (*briefly* explain in a quick sentence why you believe Reconstruction was a success or a failure).

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**SUPPORTING SENTENCES:** The body of the paragraph is where you *elaborate* (explain in-depth) about the three facts you listed above that support your claim that Reconstruction was a success or failure.

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**CONCLUSION SENTENCE:** The last sentence of the paragraph where you briefly restate (tell again in different words) your main idea.

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**Persuasive Paragraph: Was Reconstruction a Success or a Failure?**