

# Reconstruction

## ***How was the nation's commitment to its founding ideals tested during Reconstruction?***

### Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these Key Content Terms in your answers:

Thirteenth Amendment	Fifteenth Amendment
Freedmen's Bureau	Ku Klux Klan
black codes	Jim Crow laws
Radical Republican	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>
Fourteenth Amendment	

### PREVIEW

Political cartoons express the cartoonist's opinion on a current issue through images and words. Political cartoons use some or all of the following artistic devices:

- important people
- symbols
- exaggerated details
- labels that identify parts of the cartoon
- voice or thought bubbles
- a caption

Study the political cartoon on the transparency showing Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson at the end of the Civil War. Answer the following questions in your notebook to better understand the cartoon.

1. What artistic devices can you identify in this cartoon? Match each letter to one of the six artistic devices listed above.
2. What other examples of the six artistic devices can you identify in this cartoon?

3. What do you think is the cartoonist's message?
4. How does the cartoonist use artistic devices to communicate his message?

### READING NOTES

Follow these steps to complete the Reading Notes for Sections 2 to 5:

1. Cut out and tape on separate pages in your notebook the political cartoons from *Notebook Handout*.
2. Circle the five most important details in each political cartoon.
3. To the side of each cartoon, label each detail and briefly explain what it is or what it symbolizes.
4. Below each cartoon, respond to this question:  
*What does this political cartoon reveal about the nation's commitment to its founding ideals during Reconstruction?*

### PROCESSING

Create a political cartoon commenting on the nation's commitment to its founding ideals during Reconstruction. Your cartoon should also contain at least three of the following artistic devices:

- important people
- symbols
- exaggerated details
- labels that identify parts of the cartoon
- voice or thought bubbles
- a caption