**Reconstruction Stations Activity**

Station 1: Poems

1. What do you think the author means by “Change is imminent! Change is sanctuary but never forget those who bear arms that we carry.” in poem 1?
2. The author states, in poem 2, that she is “almost there,” what are some things that she would need to get where she wants to go and are these the dreams she is talking about?
3. In the third poem, how has the author’s father influenced how the author views the future?
4. What is the overarching theme of these poems and how does it relate to the attitude of the reconstruction era?

Station 2: Alexander Stephens Speech

1. What does the government expect out of the South to rejoin the Union?
2. What does Alexander Stephens believe would be the best route to bring the Union back together?
3. What would it mean for the South if the North did won the battle?

Station 3: Andrew Johnson Third Inaugural Address

1. Why is Andrew Johnson quoting the constitution in his speech?
2. How has the constitution influenced Johnson’s thinking about the Union?
3. What is Johnson’s stance on the reforming of the Union?

Station 4: The Effect of President Lincoln’s Death on National Affairs

1. In the New York Times Article, why would the writer have this reaction to Lincoln’s death?
2. How has Lincoln come to gain the name “Our Noble Chief?” What is the purpose of this name?
3. To the Publisher in *The National News* what made Lincoln a good president?
4. From all the readings what could some of the issues be for Reconstruction with the death of Lincoln?

Station 5: Lincoln’s Plan

1. What had Lincoln wanted to do for the South during Reconstruction?
2. To Lincoln, what was the best way to get the Union back together?
3. How could Lincoln’s plan affect the country as a whole? What repercussions could come with it?

Station 6: Suffrage Political Cartoons

1. In cartoon 1, what is being represented?
2. For cartoon 1, how is the south planning on using reconstruction?
3. Based on cartoon 2, what is the problem with being a recently freed slave in the South?
4. How do these two cartoons relate to each other during the time of the Reconstruction Era?

Station 7: Southern Troubles and the Prospects of Reconstruction

1. What is the ideal life like in Southern States according to the New York Herald?
2. What is life actually like in Southern States?
3. How is Congress looking to “redesign” the other Southern States?
4. Why do you think Louisiana was the first state picked to be reconstructed?

Station 8: Radical Republican Political Cartoons

1. What is cartoon 3 trying to depict?
2. Why would this depiction be important in political manners of the United States?
3. What is the man in the hat holding in cartoon 4, and what would that mean for civil rights?
4. How could these two cartoons counteract one another?