Reconstruction: Articles and Resources for Teachers

“Why Reconstruction Matters” by Eric Foner

“How to Remember Reconstruction” by Gregory P. Downs and Kate Masur

“Why We Need a National Monument to Reconstruction” by Gregory P. Downs and Kate Masur

“Taking Another Look at the Reconstruction Era”

The New York Times: The Opinion Pages/Room for Debate
“How Should Americans Remember Reconstruction?”
https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2015/05/26/how-should-americans-remember-reconstruction

The Learning Network: Teaching and Learning with the New York Times
Text to Text/‘Why Reconstruction Matters’ and ‘Black Reconstruction in America’ by Michael Gonchar

Jan. 31, 1865: House Passes 13th Amendment, Abolishing Slavery, by The Learning Network

Teaching American History
Civil War and Reconstruction Toolkit
http://teachingamericanhistory.org/american-history-toolkits/civil-war-and-reconstruction-toolkit/
Important Reconstruction Legislation:

The Civil Rights Act of 1866, extended the rights of emancipated slaves by stating that any person born in the United States, regardless of race, is a US citizen.
The Civil Rights Act of 1871, prohibited ethnic violence against African Americans (see also, Enforcement Acts, three Acts in 1870-1871)
The Civil Rights Act of 1875, prohibited discrimination in “public accommodations,” which was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1883. The Court ruled that Congress could not regulate the conduct of individuals.

Online Videos:

Author John Green’s YouTube History Series
Reconstruction and 1876: Crash Course US History #22
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nowsS7pMApI

Recommended Books:

Reconstruction Updated Edition: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877 (Harper Perennial Modern Classics), by Eric Foner

Black Reconstruction in America 1860-1880 (Simon & Schuster), by W. E. B. Du Bois with an introduction by David Levering Lewis


Reconstruction: Voices from America's First Great Struggle for Racial Equality (The Library of America), by Brooks D. Simpson

After Lincoln: How the North Won the Civil War and Lost the Peace (Simon & Schuster), by A. J. Langguth