



## JOURNAL PROMPT

*“Democracy is becoming rather than being. It can easily be lost, but it is never fully won. Its essence is eternal struggle.”*

*-William H. Hastie, federal judge & civil rights advocate*

- **What do you think Hastie means when he says that democracy’s essence is eternal struggle?**

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Americas YI

# RECONSTRUCTION: HEALING VS. JUSTICE

# IB SYLLABUS

## **8: US Civil War: causes, course and effects (1840–1877)**

Reconstruction: presidential and congressional plans; methods of southern resistance; economic, social and political successes and failures

## LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- SWBAT compare and contrast Presidential and Congressional Reconstruction IOT assess the legal, political, and social dimensions of Reconstruction.

# INQUIRY

- Are people, or laws, most responsible for creating an equal society?
- How do you balance healing and justice after a war?

IT IS 1865, THE WAR IS ALMOST OVER, YOU ARE  
PRESIDENT LINCOLN. YOU NEED TO COME UP WITH  
PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING...  
HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT IT?

As you watch  
and listen, jot  
down three  
significant  
changes  
brought about  
by the Civil  
War.

“THE WORLD THE  
WAR MADE”



PARDON.  
 COLUMBA.—"SHALL I TRUST THESE MEN,"



FRANCHISE.  
 AND NOT THIS MAN!"





**Historian David Blight describes two central, and often conflicting, challenges of Reconstruction:**

“One was healing and the other was justice. How do you have them both? What truly constitutes healing of a people, of a nation, that’s suffered this scale of violence and destruction, and how do you have justice? And justice for whom?”

“THE MEANING OF FREEDOM”