

Guided Reading Activity



Reconstruction

Lesson 2 Congressional Reconstruction

Essential Question: How do governments change?

Congress Takes Control

Directions: Read the section and complete the following chart by writing how Northern leaders reacted to each event.

Event	Reaction of Northern Leaders
Southern states had seceded from the Union during the Civil War.	
In the South, former Confederate officials and army officers filled top state government posts.	
Southern states created laws to limit the rights of freed people.	
President Johnson believed that some measures Congress enacted to protect freed people were unnecessary and unconstitutional. He vetoed them.	

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Radical Reconstruction Begins

Directions: Use your text to decide if a statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

_____ 1. The Radical Republicans' Reconstruction plan was harsher than the Presidential Reconstruction plan.

_____ 2. Congress divided the South into five military districts, and the Fourth District was made up of Texas and Louisiana.

_____ 3. Texas was required to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

_____ 4. The Ironclad Oath stated that a person had not voluntarily served in the Confederate Army or aided the Confederacy.

_____ 5. General Charles Griffin removed hundreds of state and local officials who were viewed as allies of the Radical Republicans.

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____ 6. The Freedmen’s Bureau and the Union League held meetings to help new voters learn about voting and citizenship.

____ 7. Some Texans tried to prevent freedmen from exercising their right to vote.

____ 8. Carpetbaggers were white Southerners who supported Reconstruction.

____ 9. The Constitution of 1869 gave freedmen the rights to hold office and attend public schools.

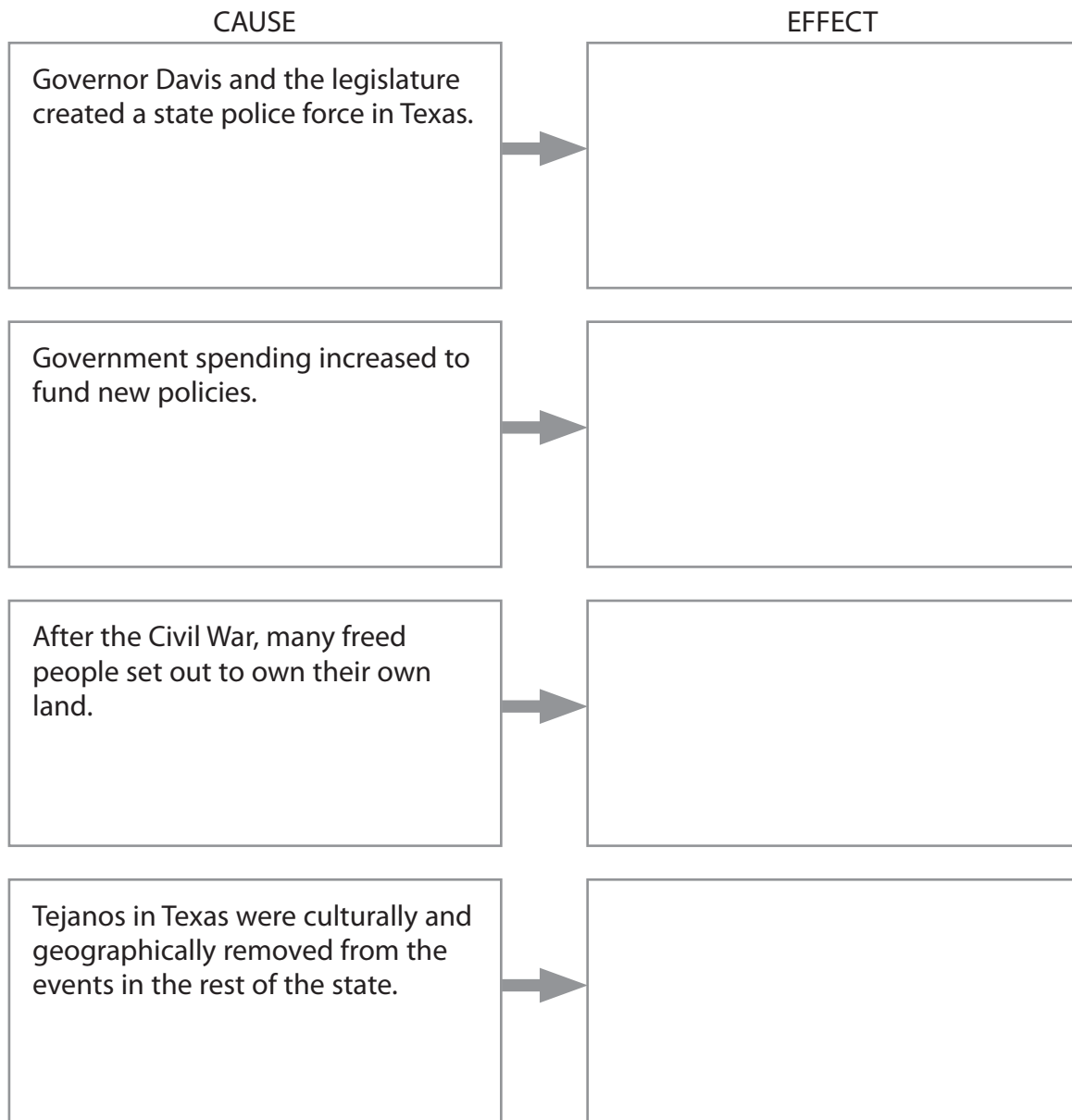
____ 10. Congressional Reconstruction in Texas ended on March 30, 1870.

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The End of Reconstruction

Directions: As you read, complete the diagram showing some of the causes and effects of the events of Reconstruction.



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Directions: As you read, complete the flowchart by describing the steps that led to the Democrats' regaining control of the Texas government.

