**Reconstruction Stations Activity Worksheet:**

**Station #1 – Constitutional Amendments of Reconstruction**

1. What does the 13th amendment (1865) guarantee?
2. What does the 14th amendment (1868) guarantee?
3. What does the 15th amendment (1870) guarantee?
4. What hope might these three amendments have provided the African American community in the late 1860s?
5. What do you imagine the reaction of many white Americans would be to these amendments and why?

**Station #2 – Black Codes**

In the boxes below, note what freedoms each “black code” enables or restricts.

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| 1. | 5. |
| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

How do these black codes compare to the slave codes that existed in these states during the antebellum period?

**Station #3 – Reconstruction Plans**

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| **Plan** | **Details** | **Impact on African Americans: +/-** |
| Lincoln Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction |  |  |
| Wade-Davis Bill |  |  |
| Johnson Reconstruction Plan |  |  |
| Congressional Reconstruction |  |  |

**Station #4 – Narrative of Henry Blake**

1. How did Henry find out he was free?
2. How does he describe the Ku Klux Klan?
3. How does he describe the sharecropping system?
4. In comparison with the slave narratives we read in class, is Blake’s experience during Reconstruction better, worse or about the same? Explain.

**Station #5 – Address to the Loyal Citizens and Congress of the United States**

1. Were the African American soldiers who wrote this document happy with the government’s Reconstruction policies? Why or why not?
2. What do they mean by “we are sheep in the midst of wolves”?
3. What do they feel they are owed and why?

Task: Complete the Following:

Write a Journal Entry that answers the following questions:

* What gains and setbacks did African Americans experience in the years following the Civil War?
* What effect did the Federal government’s Reconstruction plan have on the African American community? Do the results reflect the government’s initial intentions in creating them?
* In examining, the African American experience, was Reconstruction just Slavery in a different form?