

## VS.8b Effects of Reconstruction on African Americans

### Directions:

- Copy the template below onto an 8 ½ x 11” white or colored piece of paper.
- Students make a hotdog fold so that the words “During Reconstruction” and “After Reconstruction” are showing on top and can be seen.
- Fold again, hamburger fold, so that a booklet is made and “How Reconstruction Affected African Americans” is on top.
- Open up the booklet and cut on the dotted line between “During Reconstruction” and “After Reconstruction”, creating 2 tabs.
- Lift each tab. Underneath the “During Reconstruction” tab, write details about the gains for African Americans during the Reconstruction. Underneath the “After Reconstruction”, tab, write details about how gains were lost due to “Jim Crow” laws. Add drawings under the tabs to show examples.
- Refer to page 31 in the *2008 Curriculum Framework* for additional details

### Answer Key:

#### During Reconstruction

- African Americans began to have power in Virginia’s government- African Americans could hold office
- African American and men of all races could vote

#### After Reconstruction:

- Gains were lost
- “Jim Crow” laws were passed in Virginia and other southern states
- Segregation was legally established
- Prejudices held by whites were reinforced



**Reconstruction**

**After**

**Reconstruction**

**During**

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## VGLA adaptations:

As an alternative to having students generate the facts and write them, students may sort the facts below, choosing the correct statements that correspond to during the Reconstruction and after the Reconstruction. Note: There are extra responses included that do not fit either one.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• African Americans began to have power in Virginia's government – they could hold power</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Jim Crow" laws were passed by Virginia and other southern states.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were no prejudices by whites or African Americans.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prejudices held by whites were reinforced.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation became legal through "Jim Crow" laws.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• African Americans were given free land for farming</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Races could be legally separated.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• African American men – men of all races- could vote</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All schools and colleges accepted African Americans as students.</li></ul>