#### Question 1—Document-Based Question

In what ways did African Americans shape the course and consequences of the Civil War?

Confine your answer to the years from 1861 to 1870.

## The 8-9 Essav

- Articulates a clear, well-constructed thesis focusing on the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Effectively employs a significant number of documents to examine the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Provides substantial, relevant outside information taken from the period 1861 to 1870 concerning the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War.
- Clearly analyzes the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Is well organized and well written.
- May contain minor errors.

## The 5-7 Essay

- Contains a thesis, which may be partially developed, addressing the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Satisfactorily employs a reasonable number of documents to examine the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Provides ample, relevant outside information from the period 1861 to 1870 concerning the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War.
- Analyzes to some extent the ways in which African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- May present an imbalanced treatment between the ways that African Americans shaped the course and consequences of the Civil War or the war and its aftermath.
- Has acceptable organization and writing.
- May contain errors that do not seriously detract from the essay.

## The 2-4 Essay

- Presents a thesis that may be simplistic, confused, or undeveloped in addressing the ways in which African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870; or presents no thesis.
- Uses few documents concerning the ways that African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870.
- Includes little relevant outside information from the period 1861 to 1870 concerning the ways in which African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War.
- Has little analysis of the ways in which African Americans shaped both the course and consequences of the Civil War from 1861 to 1870; may treat only one part of the question.
- May be poorly organized and/or poorly written.
- May contain major errors.

#### The 0-1 Essay

- Lacks a thesis or restates the question.
- Refers to few, if any, of the documents.

# **Question 1—Document-Based Question (continued)**

- Includes no relevant outside information from the period 1861 to 1870.
- Contains no analysis.
- Is poorly organized and/or poorly written.
- May contain numerous errors, both major and minor.

# The — Essay

• Is completely off topic or blank.

# **Question 1 Time Line**

Year	Month/Day	Place	Event
1860	December 20	South Carolina	South Carolina is the first state to secede from the Union.
1861	April 12	South Carolina	Civil War erupts at Fort Sumter.
1861	May 24	Virginia	At Fort Monroe, Union general Benjamin Butler decrees that fugitive slaves were "contraband of war," i.e., confiscated property, and would no longer be returned.
1861	July 22 and 25	Washington, D.C.	Congress approves the Crittenden Resolution, attesting that the war is being fought to preserve the Union and not to interfere with slavery.
1861	August 6	Washington, D.C.	Congress passes the First Confiscation Act.
1862	January 15	South Carolina	Union general Thomas Sherman suggests what becomes the Port Royal experiment.
1862	March 13	Washington, D.C.	Congress forbids returning fugitive slaves to their masters.
1862	May 9	South Carolina	Union general David Hunter, Lincoln's friend, forms the first all-Black unit, the First South Carolina Volunteer Regiment, to take over South Carolina's Sea Islands.
1862	July 17	Washington, D.C.	Congress enacts the Second Confiscation Act.
1862	July 17	Washington, D.C.	Congress enacts Militia Act of 1862, which calls for a draft of 300,000, including "Colored Troops," into the Union army.
1862	July 19	Washington, D.C.	Congress abolishes slavery in Washington, D.C., and the territories.
1862	September 22	Washington, D.C.	In the wake of the Battle of Antietam, Lincoln issues the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation that would free all enslaved Africans in Confederate territory as a matter of "military necessity."
1862	October 27–29	Missouri	First Kansas Colored Volunteers repulse Confederates at Battle of Island Mound; the first known engagement of Black troops in the Civil War.

# **Question 1 Time Line (continued)**

1863	January 1	Washington, D.C.	Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, freeing enslaved Africans in Confederate areas and encouraging Black enlistment in the Union army.
1863	March 30	Washington, D.C.	Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment is mustered into the Union army.
1863	May 27	Louisiana	Black troops bravely advance under the command of Union general Nathaniel Banks but ultimately fail against deadly fire in the Battle of Port Hudson—the first major battle involving Black troops.
1863	July 1	Washington, D.C.	Union imposes the first military draft.
1863	July 13–16	New York City	Draft opponents riot in New York City, killing 105, destroying \$2 million in property (including the Colored Orphan Asylum), and mutilating their victims. The riot ends when Union troops return from Battle of Gettysburg.
1863	July 18	South Carolina	Assault on Fort Wagner by the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment; the Fifty-fourth loses half its officers (including Robert Gould Shaw) and half its troops before being repulsed.
1864	April 12	Tennessee	Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest leads 2,500 men against Fort Pillow, which was held by 292 Black soldiers and 285 White soldiers. As Blacks surrender, Confederates indiscriminately shoot and bayonet men, women, and children. In all, 200 Black people are killed.
1864	June 15	Washington, D.C.	Congress grants equal pay for all Black soldiers who were free when the Civil War began.
1864	September 29	Virginia	The Black division of the Eighteenth Corps heroically charges up the slopes against Confederate troops in the Battle of New Market Heights (Chaffin's Farm); 14 Blacks receive the Medal of Honor.
1865	January 16	South Carolina	In Special Field Orders No. 15, Union general William T. Sherman temporarily sets aside 80,000 acres along the coast of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to be rented or purchased by 18,000 Black families and promises to loan them surplus army horses and mules to work this land; Andrew Johnson later rescinds the order, returning the land to its original owners.
1865	March 3	Washington, D.C.	Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (Freedmen's Bureau) is established.

# **Question 1 Time Line (continued)**

1865	March 13	Richmond	Confederate Congress passes and Jefferson Davis signs an order to arm slaves.
1865	April 9	Virginia	Civil War ends at Appomattox Court House as Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrenders to Union general Ulysses S. Grant.
1865	April 11	Washington, D.C.	Lincoln expresses his wish that the new southern state governments being set up under his Reconstruction program grant at least some Blacks, including Union army veterans, the right to vote.
1865	April 14	Washington, D.C.	John Wilkes Booth murders President Abraham Lincoln.
1865	May	Washington, D.C.	New president Andrew Johnson pardons all White southerners except Confederate leaders and the very wealthy and orders all abandoned plantations to be returned to their owners.
1865	Spring and summer	The South	Perhaps half of all freedpeople begin searching for long-lost relatives who had been sold away from them. Blacks build schools and churches, organize mutual-aid societies, and meet in conventions throughout the South to demand full rights of citizenship.
1865	June 19	Texas	Union general Gordon Granger belatedly announces to enslaved Africans in Galveston that they are free, the event known as Juneteenth.
1865	Fall	The South	Black Codes are enacted, which make sure that Blacks remain subordinate to Whites.
1865	December 6	Georgia	Thirteenth Amendment is ratified, abolishing slavery; slavery then existed only in Delaware, Kentucky, and Missouri.
1866	April 9	Washington, D.C.	Civil Rights Act of 1866 is passed over Andrew Johnson's veto.
1866	May 1–4	Memphis	Memphis race riot takes place, killing 46 freedpeople and 2 Whites.
1866	Summer	Tennessee	Ku Klux Klan forms in Pulaski, Tennessee.
1866	July	Washington, D.C.	Congress authorizes a Second Freedmen's Bureau.
1866	July 30	Louisiana	New Orleans race riot breaks out, killing 34 Blacks and 3 White allies.

# **Question 1 Time Line (continued)**

1866		The South	265 Blacks are among the approximately 1,000 Republican delegates to new state constitutional conventions.
1867	March 2	Washington, D.C.	Congress enacts the Military Reconstruction Act.
1868	March-May	Washington, D.C.	Radical Republican Thaddeus Stevens prosecutes Andrew Johnson for high crimes and misdemeanors; Johnson survives impeachment by a single vote.
1868	June 22– July 14	Arkansas	Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama are readmitted into Union.
1868	July 9	South Carolina	Fourteenth Amendment is ratified, giving African Americans basic rights of citizenship, due process, and equal protection.
1868	Fall	The South	Ku Klux Klan and Knights of the White Camellia murder approximately 1,000 Republicans to drive Republican voters away from southern polls.
1868		Washington, D.C.	Freedmen's Bureau ceases operations.
1868	December 25	Washington, D.C.	Andrew Johnson pardons all but highest-ranking former rebels.
1869		Louisiana	African Americans James Lewis, John Willis Menard, and P.B.S. Pinckney are elected to Congress but are not seated.
1870	January 26– July 15	Virginia	Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and Georgia are readmitted into Union and establish Redeemer governments.
1870	February 3	Iowa	Fifteenth Amendment is ratified.
1870	February 25	Mississippi	Hiram Revels becomes first African American chosen for the U.S. Senate.
1870	February 25	South Carolina	Joseph Rainey becomes first African American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.
1870	March 31	Washington, D.C.	Civil Rights (Enforcement) Act of 1870 is passed, to enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments
1871	April 14	Washington, D.C.	Mary Ann Shadd Cary tries unsuccessfully to vote and asks Congress for help.

#### **Question 1 Possible Outside Information: General List**

#### Civil War Battles/Skirmishes

Antietam Jenkin's Ferry
Brice's Crossroads Milliken's Bend

Bull Run New Market Heights (Chaffin's Farm)

The Crater Overton Hill
Fort Pillow Massacre Petersburg
Fort Sumter Poison Spring
Fort Wagner Port Hudson
Fredericksburg Saltville

Gettysburg Sherman's March to the Sea

Honey Hill Vicksburg

People

Island Mound

Armstrong, Samuel Chapman

Banks, Nathaniel Booth, John Wilkes Bowser, Mary Elizabeth

Bruce, Blanche K. Butler, Benjamin Carney, William

Cary, Mary Ann Shadd Chesnut, Mary Boykin Cleburne, Patrick Davis, Henry Delany, Martin

Early, Jubal Ewell, Richard

Douglass, Frederick

Forrest, Nathan Bedford

Frémont. John C.

Garnet, Henry Highland Garrison, William Lloyd

Grant, Ulysses S. Greeley, Horace Green, James K.

Harper, Frances Ellen Watkins Higginson, Thomas Wentworth

Howard, Oliver O. Hunter, "Black Dave" Johnson, Andrew Langston, John Mercer Lynch, John

McClellan, George Menard, John Willis Nell, William Cooper Pennington, J. W. C. Phillips, Wendell Pinchback, P. B. S. Quantrill, William Rainey, Joseph

Remond, Charles Lenox

Revels, Hiram Rock, John

Shaw, Robert Gould Sherman. Thomas

Sherman, William Tecumseh

Smalls, Robert
Stanton, Edwin
Stephens, Alexander
Stevens, Thaddeus
Sumner, Charles
Tappan, Lewis
Trumbull, Lyman
Truth, Sojourner
Tubman, Harriet
Wade, Benjamin
Walker, William
Welles, Gideon

## Question 1 Possible Outside Information: General List (continued)

# Occupations/Positions

army major scout carpenter sheriff

chaplain skilled artisan

city councilor spy

congressmansteamboat pilotcooksurgeonguardtax collectorinfantrymanteacherjustice of the peaceteamsterlaborerstate legislatornurseU.S. senator

petty officer

## **Military Units**

(145 infantry regiments, 7 cavalry, 12 heavy artillery, 1 light artillery, 1 engineering)

Corps d'Afrique

Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, including William Carney and Frederick Douglass' sons (Charles and Lewis)

First and Second South Carolina Volunteers (first slave regiment)

First Kansas Colored Volunteers (fought in twelve battles, more than any other Black unit)

First, Second, Third Louisiana Native Guard (first Black unit to join the Union army, August 1862); Ninth Louisiana Infantry of African Descent

Other Black soldiers included Martin Delany's son (Toussaint L'Ouverture Delany) and Sojourner Truth's grandson (James Caldwell).

## Groups/Organizations/Institutions/Agencies

American Colonization Society fugitive slaves

American Missionary Association Knights of the White Camellia

blackfaced minstrels Ku Klux Klan Carpetbaggers mulatto

Colored Orphan Asylum National Union Party

Confederate Congress

Confederate States of America

Copperheads

Night Riders

Peace Democrats

Radical Republicans

Emancipation LeagueRedeemersfree BlacksScalawags

Freedmen/Freedpeople Southern Democrats freedom seekers Union League

#### Churches

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Presbyterian Church
African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church Southern Baptist Church

Quakers (Society of Friends)

# **Question 1 Possible Outside Information: General List (continued)**

#### Schools

Alabama State College Dillard University Fisk University Hampton Institute Howard University Morehouse College Morgan State University Tougaloo College

## **Places**

Boston, Massachusetts Cincinnati, Ohio

Delaware

Detroit, Michigan

Edisto Island, South Carolina

Haiti

Hartford, Connecticut

Kentucky Liberia Maryland Massachusetts Missouri

Nashville, Tennessee New Orleans. Louisiana

Panama

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Pulaski, Tennessee

Richmond, Virginia

St. Helena Island, South Carolina

Washington, D.C.

# **Developments**

Appomattox

apprenticeship laws

Black and Tan conventions

Black Codes

Civil Rights Act of 1866 Confiscation Acts

Congressional Reconstruction

Crittenden Resolution crop lien system Dalton Conference

District of Columbia Emancipation Act

**Emancipation Proclamation** 

Enticement Acts
Ex Parte Milligan (1866)
fear of slave insurrection
Fifteenth Amendment

Force Acts

Fourteenth Amendment Freedman's Monument Freedmen's Bureau Freedmen's Savings Bank

Frémont's Edict Fugitive Slave Law General Order 233

Hampton Roads Conference

"Iron-clad" oath

Jim Crow

Johnson's "Swing Around the Circle"

Juneteenth

Lincoln's 10 Percent Plan Lincoln's Second Inaugural

Medal of Honor

Military Reconstruction Act

Militia Act

National Negro Convention movement

New York City draft riots

Planter

Port Royal Experiment

Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Presidential Reconstruction

Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction

race riots (Memphis and New Orleans)

Radical Reconstruction
Reconstruction Acts of 1867

Savannah Colloquy

secession sharecropping Sherman's Land

Special Field Order No. 15

state constitutions

# **Question 1 Possible Outside Information: General List (continued)**

states' rights
Thirteenth Amendment
Tenure of Office Act

Texas v. White (1869) Twenty-Negro law Wade-Davis Bill

#### Publications/Media

Anglo-African Magazine Douglass' Monthly Glory (1989) Life & Times of Frederick Douglass "Men of Color, To Arms" New York Tribune "The Prayer of Twenty Millions" We (Charles Fuller play, 1988) Weekly Anglo-African

# Sayings/Expressions

"Due process" and "equal protection of the laws" (Fourteenth Amendment)

"Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal . . . and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." (Abraham Lincoln) "40 acres and a mule"

"If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it, and if I could save it with freeing all slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that." (Abraham Lincoln)

- "Negro domination"
- "Negro-first policy"
- "Papa Linkum" (African American reference to Abraham Lincoln)
- "A rich man's war and a poor man's fight"
- "Waving the bloody shirt"
- "A white man's war" (William Tecumseh Sherman)
- "With malice toward none, with charity for all" (Abraham Lincoln)

#### **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences**

## **DOCUMENT A**

Source: Major General Benjamin F. Butler, report to the secretary of war, July 30, 1861.

In the village of Hampton there were a large number of Negroes, composed in a great measure of women and children who had fled thither within my lines for protection, who had escaped from marauding Rebels who had been gathering up able-bodied blacks to aid them in constructing their batteries on the James and York rivers . . .

First, what shall be done with them? Second, what is their state and condition? Upon these questions I desire the instruction of the department.

... Are these men, women, and children slaves? Are they free? Is their condition that of men, women, and children, or of property, or is it a mixed relation? What has been the effect of rebellion and a state of war on their status? When I adopted the theory of treating the able-bodied Negro fit to work in the trenches as property liable to be used in aid of rebellion, and so contraband of war, that condition of things was insofar met, as I then and still believe, on a legal and constitutional basis.

## **Document Summary:**

Early in the Civil War, Union general Benjamin Butler wrote to Secretary of War Simon Cameron on the chaotic conditions he found in Virginia. Butler reported that many desperate enslaved African Americans sought protection from Confederates who wanted to force them to build river fortifications. These freedom seekers forced Butler and the Lincoln administration to decide whether fugitive slaves entering Union lines would be returned to their "owners" in accordance with the law or taken into custody, with the government assuming a degree of responsibility for their welfare. Butler's own answer was that these freedom seekers were "contraband of war" who could serve the Union army in useful capacities, such as digging trenches. This document thus points to the pressure that Union forces faced in handling the many escaped slaves who came their way and the temptation to make strategic use of this suddenly available labor source. Other Union generals would have similar questions about freedom seekers and would handle the question of enslavement to their advantage, at least until President Abraham Lincoln made abundantly clear who held the powers of commander-in-chief.

#### **Document Information:**

- Slaves had fled to Union lines.
- There is no Union policy on fleeing slaves.
- Butler advances his theory on contraband of war.
- Union army is using fugitive slave labor.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- Many slaves fled the slave-holding South as Union troops approached.
- Enslaved African men, women, and children's actions were compelling the federal government to confront slavery.
- Foreshadows Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

# **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

# **DOCUMENT A (continued)**

# **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Confiscation Acts
Emancipation Proclamation
Fort Monroe
Frémont's edict
fugitive slaves/freedom seekers

Hunter, David Lincoln initially refused to accept slaves as contraband McClellan, George

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

#### **DOCUMENT B**

Source: Resolution of African Americans in Newtown, New York, August 20, 1862.

We, THE COLORED CITIZENS of Queens County, N.Y., having met in mass meeting . . . to consider the speech of Abraham Lincoln, . . . [wish] to express our views on the subject of being colonized in Central America or some other country. . . .

While bleeding and struggling for her life against slaveholding traitors, and, at this very time, when our country is struggling for life and 1 million freemen are believed to be scarcely sufficient to meet the foe, we are called upon by the President of the United States to leave this land and go to another country, to carry out his favorite scheme of colonization. But at this crisis, we feel disposed to refuse the offers of the President, since the call of our suffering country is too loud and imperative to be unheeded.

## **Document Summary:**

A group of African Americans met during the Civil War to consider President Abraham Lincoln's proposal for Black resettlement in a foreign land, particularly the Caribbean or Latin America. These "colored citizens" from New York dismissed the idea of colonization out of hand. The burden of fighting all-out war, this group observed, was so great that even a million White soldiers might not carry the day. Under such trying circumstances, the very idea of removing Black citizens through colonization was unthinkable. This letter did not persuade the president. Although Lincoln did not think colonizing millions of African Americans was possible, he remained convinced that the profound differences between the White and Black races made such resettlement desirable.

#### **Document Information:**

- There are one million free Black American citizens.
- There was a mass meeting of African Americans to rebut President Lincoln's call for colonization of Blacks in Central America.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- African Americans wished to serve in the military.
- The Union was going to have to pursue some other solution to race besides colonization.
- Lincoln rejected a truly multicultural society.
- Free Blacks were loyal, contributing citizens; colonization wasted contributions from Black citizens.

#### **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

American Colonization Society Greeley, Horace Liberia Lincoln's plan for compensated emancipation in border states "The Prayer of the Twenty Millions"

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

#### DOCUMENT C

Source: Abraham Lincoln, a published letter, August 26, 1863.

There are those who are dissatisfied with me . . . to be plain, you are dissatisfied with me about the negro. Quite likely there is a difference of opinion between you and myself upon that subject. I certainly wish that all men could be free, while I suppose you do not. . . . You say you will not fight to free negroes. Some of them seem willing to fight for you; but, no matter . . . negroes, like other people, act upon motives. Why should they do anything for us, if we will do nothing for them? If they stake their lives for us, they must be prompted by the strongest motive—even the promise of freedom. And the promise being made, must be kept.

#### **Document Summary:**

Here, President Abraham Lincoln responded to a White letter-writer, apparently from the North, who opposed equality for African Americans. While Lincoln realized his racial views were not universally popular, he wondered why the letter-writer would not support freedom for African Americans when they had expressed a willingness to fight for Whites in the Civil War. In any case, Lincoln observed that freedom had been promised to African Americans and that he intended to honor that commitment. Less than a month after this letter appeared, Lincoln issued a carefully worded proclamation declaring the freedom of enslaved Africans in Confederate territory.

#### **Document Information:**

- Lincoln has decided what to do about slavery.
- Lincoln intends to free the slaves.
- Lincoln's views on slavery are controversial.
- Lincoln intends to remain steadfast in his plans for emancipation.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- Lincoln's views on slavery were evolving.
- Black soldiers were fighting for the Union and their own freedom, e.g., Fort Wagner.
- Confederates did not follow the rules of war in treating Black soldiers.
- The Civil War will recast the American South.
- Lincoln recognized qualities in African Americans that he had not previously recognized.

## **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Antietam
The Crater
Crittenden Resolution
Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Regiment
Glory

Lincoln's Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation Militia Act of 1862 New Market Heights (Chaffin's Farm)

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

## **DOCUMENT D**

Source: Republican Party platform, 1864.

... 3. Resolved, That as slavery was the cause, and now constitutes the strength of this Rebellion . . . justice and the National safety demand its utter and complete extirpation from the soil of the Republic; and that, while we uphold and maintain the acts and proclamations by which the Government, in its own defense, has aimed a deathblow at this gigantic evil, we are in favor, furthermore, of such an amendment to the Constitution . . . [that] shall terminate and forever prohibit the existence of Slavery

7. Resolved, That the Government owes to all men employed in its armies, without regard to the distinction of color, the full protection of the laws of war . . .

# **Document Summary:**

In its reelection platform, the Republican Party—the party of freedom—blamed slavery for causing the Civil War and sustaining the Confederate war effort. With the stakes so high, Republicans urged passage of a constitutional amendment to abolish slavery permanently. The Republican Party had come some distance in its thinking about slavery since its previous platform had been promulgated. In 1860 the Republicans believed that slavery would gradually die out if it was kept from spreading like cancer to the territories; in 1864 the Republicans could no longer tolerate human bondage and sought to end it everywhere with a single stroke of the constitutional pen. Another objective of the 1864 Republican platform was to afford all races who fought for the Union every available protection, an apparent reference to African American troops who were sometimes mutilated or massacred in combat.

#### **Document Information:**

- Republican Party identifies slavery as the cause of the Civil War.
- Republican Party calls for the elimination of slavery.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- Fundamental shift in Republican Party's position on slavery, i.e., no slave extension.
- African American troops were being mistreated, if not massacred.
- Democrats were responsible for the Civil War.
- Serious challenge by the Peace Democrats, i.e., George McClellan.

## **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

African Americans serve in the military Copperheads Douglass, Frederick Forrest, Nathan Bedford Fort Pillow Massacre General Order 233 Johnson, Andrew Ouantrill, William Thirteenth Amendment Union Party Wade–Davis Bill

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

#### **DOCUMENT E**

Source: Charlotte Forten, African American teacher in the South Carolina Sea Islands, March 1864.

I never before saw children so eager to learn, although I had had several years' experience in New England schools. Coming to school is a constant delight and recreation to them. They come here as other children go to play. The older ones, during the summer, work in the fields from early morning until eleven or twelve o'clock, and then come to school, after their hard toil in the hot sun, as bright and as anxious to learn as ever.

... Many of the grown people are desirous of learning to read. It is wonderful how a people who have been so long crushed to the earth . . . can have so great a desire for knowledge, and such a capacity for attaining it.

## **Document Summary:**

Charlotte Forten, who came from a prominent abolitionist family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the first northern Black teacher to instruct former slaves in the South in 1862. In what was later called the Port Royal Experiment on St. Helena Island, South Carolina, the cultured, idealistic, and driven 24-year-old Forten was amazed by the hunger for learning that African American children and adults exhibited. Their thirst for an education was not slowed by youthful distractions, grueling field work under a hot sun, or a lifetime of oppression. Forten stayed on the island for 18 months, hoping she would form a bond with her students, but her precarious health broke first. In truth, Forten's upbringing, education, and temperament gave her more in common with White teachers who worked alongside her than with her unsophisticated and unlettered students, whose first language was Gullah. Forten later wrote about her memorable experience in a series of essays entitled "Life on the Sea Islands" that appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

#### **Document Information:**

- New England women, including African Americans, went to the South to teach formerly enslaved African children how to read.
- African Americans of all ages were eager to learn.

# **Document Inferences:**

- African American northerners contributed to the African American community generally.
- The initial optimism of the Port Royal Experiment would turn sour, eliciting fierce White opposition.
- African Americans tried to dismiss the myths of slavery.

#### **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

abolitionists
American Missionary Association
Armstrong, Samuel Chapman
Edisto Island, South Carolina
Fisk University
"40 acres and a mule"
Freedmen's Bureau

Freedmen's Savings Bank Hampton Institute Port Royal Experiment Sherman's Special Field Orders No. 15 Sherman, Thomas St. Helena Island, South Carolina

## **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

## DOCUMENT F

Source: The New York Times, March 7, 1864.

There has been no more striking manifestation of the marvelous times that are upon us than the scene in our streets at the departure of the first of our colored regiments.

. . .

Eight months ago the African race in this City were literally hunted down like wild beasts. They fled for their lives. When caught, they were shot down in cold blood, or stoned to death, or hung to the trees or the lamp-posts. Their houses were pillaged; the asylum which Christian charity had provided for their orphaned children was burned . . .

How astonishingly has all this been changed! The same [African American] men . . . now march in solid platoons, with shouldered muskets, slung knapsacks, and buckled cartridge-boxes down through our gayest avenues and our busiest thoroughfares to the pealing strains of martial music, and are everywhere saluted with waving handkerchiefs, with descending flowers, and with the acclamations and plaudits of countless beholders.

It is only by such occasions that we can at all realize the prodigious revolution which the public mind everywhere is experiencing. Such developments are infallible tokens of a new epoch.

#### **Document Summary:**

This article/editorial marvels at the rapid acceptance that African Americans received in New York City during the Civil War. In July 1863, after a military draft was announced to support the Union effort to crush the Confederate rebellion, White urban residents, particularly Irish Americans, went on a racist rampage to kill any Black person they encountered. To many Whites, not only were Blacks the main reason the war was being fought, but they were stealing blue-collar jobs away from White workers. Eight months later, however, Black troops, looking smart in their new uniforms and with their erect military posture, were greeted by admiring crowds of White well-wishers. Such a dramatic change in attitude in such a short time, the newspaper wrote, offered indisputable proof of a social revolution.

#### **Document Information:**

- White society's views about Blacks had changed.
- Racial violence over the war.
- African American troops.

## **Document Inferences:**

- The Civil War was now for social change.
- African Americans were greatly appreciated.
- African American military service promoted this change.
- Blacks were willing to fight in the war despite mistreatment/riots.
- The Union would win, and winning meant defining the society.

# **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

# **DOCUMENT F** (continued)

# **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Banks, Nathaniel Higginson, Thomas Wentworth

Bowser, Mary Elizabeth Island Mound

Carney, William Louisiana Native Guard

Dalton Conference Milliken's Bend

Delany, Martin New York City draft riots

Fifteenth Amendment Poison Spring Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment Port Hudson

First and Second South Carolina Volunteers Shaw, Robert Gould

First Kansas Colored Volunteers

Smalls, Robert

Smalls, Robert

Fort Wagner

Tubman, Harriet

Fourteenth Amendment

LLC Colored Troops

Fourteenth Amendment U.S. Colored Troops Gettysburg Address Walker, William

Glory

# **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

# **DOCUMENT G**

Source: Thomas Nast, Harper's Weekly, August 5, 1865.



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# **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

# **DOCUMENT G (continued)**

# **Document Summary:**

A Thomas Nast cartoon that depicts Lady Liberty in a chamber bedecked with United States flags, pointing to an African American soldier who has lost a leg and is on crutches. Lady Liberty wonders why this impassive, disabled veteran in uniform—"This Man"—is not considered fit for American democracy. The cartoon reflects the empathetic view that the North had toward African Americans for a short time after the Civil War.

## **Document Information:**

- Lady Liberty asks for equality for Black veterans.
- Black soldiers sacrificed greatly for the war effort.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- Concerns Black suffrage.
- Black people, especially black troops, were not well treated after the war.
- The South had not changed as much as the North had thought it had.

# **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Civil Rights Act of 1866 Fifteenth Amendment Fourteenth Amendment

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

#### DOCUMENT H

Source: Proceedings of the Convention of the Colored People of Virginia, August 1865.

We claim, then, as citizens of this State, the laws of the Commonwealth shall give to all men equal protection; that each and every man may appeal to the law for his equal rights without regard to the color of his skin; and we believe this can only be done by extending to us the elective franchise, which we believe to be our inalienable right as freemen, and which the Declaration of Independence guarantees to all free citizens of this Government and which is the privilege of the nation. We claim the right of suffrage . . .

# **Document Summary:**

Meeting a few months after the Civil War ended, African Americans in Virginia made an impassioned plea for suffrage. This inalienable right, the convention maintained, is guaranteed to all free men, including Black men, through the Declaration of Independence. This limited excerpt does not include some important elements of the document, including that the delegates were former slaves whose great fear was that former Confederates were recovering their citizenship rights before African Americans ever got theirs. Maintaining that ex-Confederates possessed a loyalty that was no more than "lip deep," the Black delegates warned of their vulnerability in being "sheep in the midst of wolves." Only the armed might of the United States government, the former slaves insisted, prevented Blacks from being driven from the land they had lived and worked on all their lives. Ultimately, Black pressure from such groups as this one in Alexandria, helped win ratification of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing equal protection before the law and Black male suffrage.

#### **Document Information:**

- Black southerners met to demand equality.
- Black people call themselves "citizens."
- Black people view the franchise as a means to achieve equal rights.
- Black people apply the Declaration of Independence.

#### **Document Inferences:**

- Black people did not have equal rights.
- Black people were part of the Reconstruction process.

# **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Civil Rights Act of 1866
Fifteenth Amendment
Fourteenth Amendment
Gettysburg Address

Knights of the White Camellia Ku Klux Klan Radical Republicans race riots in Memphis and New Orleans

## Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)

#### DOCUMENT I

Source: Affidavit of Rebecca Parsons, former slave, 1867 (given to a Freedmen's Bureau agent).

Before me came Rebecca Parsons—a freedwoman . . . she was . . . a Slave of T. A. Parsons . . . she has four children now in possession of said Parsons. That when she was freed she informed said Parsons that she was going to her kindred. . . . He told her that she might go but her children belonged to Him & she could not have them . . . she found a home . . . & in February last she went to Parsons & demanded her children—Parsons told her "they were bound to him and that she should not have them unless she paid Him four thousand dollars." . . . she was thus compelled to return without them—And she left them crying to go with Her.

## **Document Summary:**

Rebecca Parsons, who had been enslaved by T. A. Parsons, declared her intention to leave his plantation and live with her extended family. The planter consented—he had no other choice, given the Thirteenth Amendment—but demanded that Rebecca pay him \$4,000 to recover her children. She did not have such a large sum and so departed alone, with her children wailing as she left. This document illustrates the great difficulty that African Americans had in becoming free and in building a normal life, particularly with family members scattered throughout the South.

#### **Document Information:**

- Slavery is abolished.
- Freedmen's Bureau helps former slaves.
- Problems from the Civil War still exist for Blacks.
- Blacks are trying to reunite their families long after the war.

## **Document Inferences:**

- White attitudes persisted that Blacks were enslaved or property.
- Things had not changed as much as former slaves wanted.
- Reconstruction had begun to reshape southern society.

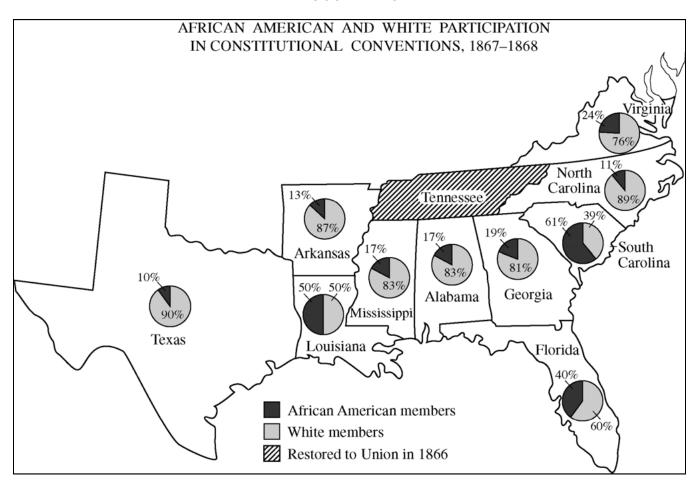
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Blacks create their own society, e.g., churches,
missionary societies
Civil Rights (Enforcement) Act of 1870
Fourteenth Amendment

Howard, Oliver O.
Juneteenth
Military Reconstruction Act
Reconstruction
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## **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

## **DOCUMENT J**



# **Document Summary:**

This political map reflects the racial makeup of the constitutional conventions of the 10 former Confederate states still awaiting full reconstruction into the Union. Far from showing what many White southerners then believed, Whites controlled the delegate slate of every constitutional convention except for South Carolina. This racial imbalance prevailed even though Black men constituted the majority of the voting public in five southern states—Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

## **Document Information:**

- The state of Tennessee was restored to the Union in 1866.
- Every other former Confederate state held a constitutional convention in 1867 and 1868.
- Blacks attended every postwar constitutional convention in the South.
- White delegates outnumbered Black delegates in these postwar constitutional conventions in every southern state except South Carolina and Louisiana.

# **Question 1 Document Information and Inferences (continued)**

# **DOCUMENT J (continued)**

#### **Document Inferences:**

- New southern state constitutions instituted progressive reforms, e.g., free public education and abolition of the death penalty for many offenses.
- Ex-Confederate officials won many offices.
- White southerners were preparing to redeem the South.

# **Potential Outside Information Triggered by Document:**

Black Codes
Bruce, Blanche K.
Carpetbaggers
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Fifteenth Amendment
Grant, Ulysses S.
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Johnson, Andrew, impeachment

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Johnson, Andrew, Swing Around the

labor contracts

Langston, John Mercer

Pinchback, P. B. S. public schools

Radical Reconstruction

Rainey, Joseph

Reconstruction Acts, esp. Military Act

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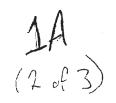
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# AP® UNITED STATES HISTORY 2009 SCORING COMMENTARY (Form B)

#### Question 1

Sample: 1A Score: 8

This well-crafted essay voices a clear thesis in the opening paragraph that actions taken by African Americans altered the course of the Civil War and helped form the culture and politics of the postwar period. The essay skillfully utilizes information from eight documents to support the contention that Blacks were active agents in their emancipation and attempted integration into mainstream American life. This effort is buttressed by a sizable portion of relevant outside information (states' rights, popular sovereignty, Andrew Johnson, Thirteenth to Fifteenth amendments, poll taxes, grandfather clauses) and a generous serving of analysis regarding the ways African Americans affected the period. The essay's misunderstanding of the Nast cartoon (Document G) and the realities of post–Civil War race relations prevented it from receiving the highest score.

Sample: 1B Score: 5

This essay has a two-part thesis, arguing that "[t]he debate over slavery shaped the course of the Civil War" and that "the status of African-Americans profoundly affected the goals of Reconstruction." The thesis and analysis are only partially developed because they focus on African Americans as objects of debate rather than as actors. The essay contains substantial outside information, but again it tends to focus on the political history of the Civil War, for example, citing the Union victory at Antietam as allowing the Emancipation Proclamation. It discusses a majority of the documents adequately, for example, using Document I to highlight continued discrimination following the war. The essay slightly misreads other documents, such as equating the Republican Party platform (Document D) with actual policies. The writing and organization are acceptable.

Sample: 1C Score: 3

This essay has an undeveloped thesis that is mainly descriptive. It uses most documents but in an almost laundry list approach, and there is an error in the use of Document A. It contains a fair amount of outside information, but some pieces are outside the time frame, for example, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Although fairly well organized and written, the analysis is simplistic at best and kept this essay from the top of the 2–4 score category.