**Directions:** Read through your role and follow the steps to apply Reconstruction to today.

**Part 1: Your Role**

You are one of the following 3 American roles as they pertain to Reconstruction era attitudes. Those attitudes about federal vs state governments still affect issues today as they did in the Civil War/Reconstruction era. **Circle your role.**

Northern Radical Republican Freed Southern Slave Southern Plantation Owner

Things to think about while you take perspective of your role…

* How does your role feel about freedom, voting and citizenship rights of blacks?
* How does your role feel about the power and control of the federal government?

**Part 2: Time travel!**

 To your surprise, you wake up one morning and it is not 1866! People obsessively talk to themselves into pocket-size boxes. The language is funny…you hear things like “bae” and “on-point” You do notice one similarity…**the nation just finished fighting the second Civil War and** **people are still fighting over the power of the federal vs state rights!**

**The issue:** The rights of homosexuals drove the nation to war. Some people in the country supported legal and marriage rights for homosexuals, and other people did not. Many states wanted to make their own laws about the rights of homosexuals, but the Federal Government demanded that every state give homosexuals full legal and marriage rights. The President needs your help!

**Step 1:** Read both articles. As you read, use your role to analyze how you think he or she would feel about the modern-day issue. **Answer the following questions to guide your thinking.**

1. *Through Their Eyes*: How did your role feel about the rights and roles of African Americans?

* **What** should those rights and roles be for African Americans?
* **Who** should make sure those rights and roles are protected?

1. *Through Their Eyes*: What style of government did your role prefer? How do you know?

* Did the Federal government protect your rights and demands?
* Did state governments protect you from the power of the federal government?

1. *Use the Past*: What position would your role take on the rights of homosexuals?

* What article would your role agree with?
* Why do you think so? (Hint: what beliefs does your role have from Reconstruction?)

**Part 3: Your Reconstruction Plan**

1. **An oath**

* *Use the Past:* Explain how politicians used oaths to bring states back into the Union.
  + What % did Lincoln say had to swear by his oath? Why?
  + What % did the Radical Republicans prefer? Why?
* What will your oath about the rights of homosexuals be?
  + What % of each state will have to swear by it? Why? **Hint**: think about your role!

1. **New Amendments**

* *Cause & Effect:* Explain the **cause** and **effect** of 1 Reconstruction era amendment.

*Cause of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment:*

*Effect of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment:*

* Will you draft a **new amendment** or **state law** to handle the rights of homosexuals?
  + What will your amendment or state law be?
  + What could be an effect of your new law or amendment?