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Answer Key: Fixing a Broken Flag: The Post-War Puzzle for 1st Grade

Imagine the North and South are two friends who had a big fight; students analyze how they can share toys and make fair rules again.

1. After the big war, the North and South had to become one family again. What is the best way for two sides to start being friends after a fight?

Answer: B) Talk and make new rules together

To rebuild a nation (Reconstruction), people had to communicate and create new laws to live together peacefully.

2. A woman named Elizabeth Keckley was once enslaved but became a famous dressmaker for the President's wife. This shows people could have new jobs after the war.

Answer: A) True

After the war, many formerly enslaved people sought new opportunities and worked in different trades, like sewing or teaching.

3. The ___ was a group that helped built schools for children who were finally free to learn how to read.

Answer: C) Freedmen's Bureau

The Freedmen's Bureau was essential for providing education and basic needs to formerly enslaved people during Reconstruction.

4. If you were a leader during Reconstruction, why would you want to build more schools in the South?

Answer: B) To make sure everyone has a chance to succeed

Education is a tool for equality; leaders build schools so all citizens can learn to read, write, and participate in the country.

5. During Reconstruction, all the broken railroads and houses in the South were fixed in just one weekend.

Answer: B) False

Reconstruction took many years (1865-1877) because fixing a whole country after a war is a very long and hard process.

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6. Small farmers who didn't have money to buy land had to borrow it and share their food. This was called ____.

Answer: A) Sharecropping

Sharecropping was a way people farmed after the war, though it was often very difficult and kept people in debt.

7. Some new laws were made that were NOT fair to Black people. What should a community do if a rule is not fair?

Answer: B) Work together to change the rule

Evaluating fairness is key to history. When unfair 'Black Codes' were made, people and the government had to fight to change them.

8. Juneteenth is a holiday that celebrates the day when news of freedom finally reached people in Texas.

Answer: A) True

Juneteenth marks a major moment of celebration for freedom, showing that the end of the war changed lives forever.

9. General ____ was a leader who wanted to make sure the North and South stopped fighting and started helping each other.

Answer: B) Ulysses S. Grant

Grant led the army to victory but also worked as President to try and keep the states together during Reconstruction.

10. Imagine you are building a new town after a war. Which of these is the MOST important thing to build first so people feel safe and equal?

Answer: C) A courthouse with fair laws for everyone

Reconstruction was about setting up a just society where laws protected everybody equally, which is more important than fun extras.