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A Split House Mends: The Reconstruction Mystery for 2nd Grade

Go beyond dates and names to synthesize how families rebuilt their lives and high-level thinkers helped heal a broken nation.

1. Imagine you are a reporter in 1865. If you saw a building being used as both a school and a place to help people find jobs, which group most likely started it?

- A. The Pony Express
- B. The Freedmen's Bureau
- C. The British Army
- D. The California Gold Miners

2. True or False: After the Civil War ended, the North and South immediately became best friends and agreed on all the new rules.

- A. True
- B. False

3. To help the country become one again, the government passed the 14th Amendment. This important rule said that everyone born in the U.S. is a ____.

- A. Visitor
- B. Soldier
- C. Citizen
- D. President

4. Ely S. Parker was a Native American leader who helped write the surrender papers at the end of the war. Why was his work important for the whole country?

- A. He helped start a new war in the West
- B. He helped make sure the fighting stopped legally
- C. He built a giant wall between the states
- D. He discovered a new recipe for bread

5. True or False: During Reconstruction, some African American men were elected to high-level government jobs for the first time in history.

- A. True
- B. False

6. The period after the war was called 'Reconstruction' because the leaders had to ____ the laws and buildings of the South.

- A. Rebuild
- B. Ignore
- C. Forget

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D. Sell

7. If a family moved from the North to the South during Reconstruction to help build schools, they were sometimes called 'Carpetbaggers.' Why did they get this name?

- A. They only wore clothes made of carpet
- B. They carried their things in bags made of carpet fabric
- C. They lived in houses made of rugs
- D. They were famous for cleaning carpets

8. True or False: The 13th Amendment was the rule that said slavery was no longer allowed in any part of the United States.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Many families were separated during the war. During Reconstruction, newspapers often printed ads where people were ___ for their lost family members.

- A. Hiding
- B. Searching
- C. Painting
- D. Singing

10. Which of these was the BIGGEST problem that leaders had to solve during Reconstruction to make sure everyone was treated fairly?

- A. Deciding which color to paint the White House
- B. Making sure all citizens had the right to vote and go to school
- C. Teaching everyone how to play baseball
- D. Finding out who stole the President's hat