HISTORIAN A:
“Reconstruction governments were charged with the responsibility of securing hard-won rights guaranteed to former slaves by constitutional amendments, but they failed to make these guarantees stick.”

HISTORIAN B:
“Reconstruction was an attempt to create a social and political revolution despite economic collapse and the opposition of a large portion of the white South. Under these conditions its accomplishments were extraordinary.”

Brief Constructed Response Prompt: Historians often have a different interpretation about the success of the Reconstruction Era. Identify another event in history that historians frequently have different interpretations about. Explain why they may have different interpretations.

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Accept all reasonable events and explanations.

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1 = This response gives a valid with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no.  
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