

Benchmark: H3 – (9-12)

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.

Desired Response(s):

Events	Explanation
1. Reasons U.S. bombed Hiroshima	Historian’s background
2. Success of Treaty of Versailles ending World War I	Questions asked Sources used, etc.
3. FDR’s use of power during the Depression	

Accept all reasonable events and explanations.

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid _____ with an accurate and relevant _____.

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

0 = inaccurate or no response