

Heritage Library Lesson Plan

Title Education during Reconstruction on Hilton Head and St. Helena Islands

Grade Level Grade 8

Standards Indicators 8-5.1, 8-5.3, 8-5.4

Literacy Elements

- Identify and explain the relationships among multiple causes and multiple effects.
- Evaluate multiple points of view or biases and attribute the perspectives to the influences of individual experiences, societal values, and cultural traditions.
- Compare the locations of places, the conditions at places, and the connections between places.

Essential Questions

How did post-Civil War education efforts on Hilton Head Island and St. Helena Island reflect anti-slavery ideals?

How did these efforts reflect Reconstruction efforts?

How did these efforts address the needs of the island populations?

Terms to Learn

Reconstruction

Industrial Education

Normal Schools

Segregation

Praise Houses

Mini-Lessons

- Overview of plantation history on Hilton Head Island and on St. Helena (how many and where)
- A short history of Mitchelville

- A short history of the Port Royal Experiment and the Penn School with an emphasis on Laura Towne
- A short history of the American Missionary Association and its teacher training and Normal Schools

Classroom Discussion Questions

What is the relationship between education and individual progress?

Did the Island schools help or hinder the freedmen's individual progress?

Should schools train for local realities or for possibilities?

What might a school day be like for a 13 year old?

Learning Activities and Assessments (Rubric for Participation)

Students will recreate maps of both islands indicating former plantation sites, praise house sites, and school sites.

Students will participate in a mock debate between "industrial educators" and "classical educators" as it may have occurred in 1870.

Students will discuss the role of religion in education including character education as it was viewed in the 19th century.

Sources

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1865 Plantation Map, Heritage Library

PBS.org/onlyateacher/

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Recommendations for Further Study

Avery Normal Institute in Charleston which combined "common sense" education with classical education