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**Reconstruction Research Paper**

**Honors Sections**

**Rubric & Criteria for Success**

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<b>LT1</b> <b>I can critique the process and effects of post-war "reconstruction."</b>	+Understanding of topic goes above and beyond the basics +no content errors +killed the explanation of reconstruction and connections +criteria of success are met & some are exceeded	+Exhibits understandings of historical & modern topics that are clear. +Any content errors are minimal +Shows a clear understanding of <b>reconstruction</b> & how topic fits into it +shows a clear connection between the topics +All criteria for success are met sufficiently	+Understanding of topic is clear through most of the essay +explanation of reconstruction is missing some key piece & explanation of topic is not clear / connection may be absent +Most criteria of success are met sufficiently	+understanding of topic is unclear +explanation of reconstruction is insufficient +Less than half of criteria of success are not met sufficiently
<b>Skills Target 2</b> <b>I can clearly convey information and ideas through effective organization</b>	+Order is very clear and useful +writing is smooth & easy to follow +Claims and addressing of counterclaims are strong and convincing to reader +outline would be scored at a 4	+Solid organizational structure with a clear beginning, middle, & end. +Sentences flow together, doesn't read choppily, transitions aren't confusing. +An outline is completed thoroughly to assist writing of essay +Claims & counterclaims are thoroughly explained, argued, and sourced	+Some issues with organizational structure +multiple instances of confusion / choppiness +Incomplete outline	+disorganized +confusing / choppy +no outline

<b>Skills Target 1: I can analyze and evaluate complex texts</b>	+All research documents are completed at high quality and would be scored a 4 +Nothing is missing +Sources are used strongly and are always explained and clearly/definitively support the argument	+8 to 10 Research planning documents all complete & sources are all legitimate. +Any missing components are minimal. +Sources are referenced in the paper with both quotations and paraphrasing.	+4-7 research planning sheets complete & multiple sources are questionable +multiple instances where references could have been helpful but none is used +unattributed references or quotations	+Research is not sufficient +references are not used or minimally used
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1. Provides a sensible and readable definition / explanation of exactly what the topic is
2. Includes a chronology of the topic (when?)
3. Includes all pertinent places, people, and groups of people (where/who?)
4. Describes how/why this topic is connected to reconstruction
5. Solid organizational structure with a clear beginning, middle, & end. Sentences flow together, doesn't read choppy, transitions aren't confusing.
6. Uses & references multiple sources. (minimum 5)
7. Both topics and researched & described thoroughly
8. Addresses counterclaims
9. A clear connection between the 2 topics is either shown or argued against, with supporting evidence
10. MLA Citations & Works Cited