

RECONSTRUCTION is seeking to reform America after the Union is restored in the Civil War through an end to slavery, ... *Frederick Douglass, February 3, 1870.* Defeated Confederate states have been placed under U.S. military control, and millions of newly freed African-Americans are being promised basic human rights. Southern states are being readmitted to the Union after consenting to the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Taken together, they abolished slavery, provided equal protection under the law, and guaranteed male suffrage, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

In a triumph for campaigner Charles Sumner (pictured below), a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. Before the war, Sumner became famous for making an anti-slavery speech that led to his congressional nomination in the Reconstruction

Tragically, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and did not live to see the results of Reconstruction.

