

Reconstruction**Focus on Writing****Job History**

Put yourself in the shoes of a person living during Reconstruction.

Write a brief job history for that person.

PREWRITING

- 1. Considering Historical Context** After the Civil War, many people had to consider what they would do next. How do you think the events and conditions described in Section 1 might have affected their plans? Write your ideas in your notebook.
- 2. Recognizing Cause-and-Effect Relationships** Social and political unrest continued long after the war ended. How could this unrest cause people to leave their jobs? What new jobs might they find?
- 3. Relating Historical Change to Individual Choice** In your notebook, write about the new opportunities that opened up during Reconstruction. Start a list of new jobs and the people who might have done them.

New Job	People Who Performed It
Sharecropping	African Americans

WRITING

- 4. Writing a Job History** Follow these steps to write your job history.
 - Review your notes about the changing job scene.
 - Choose a person and imagine what jobs he or she might seek during Reconstruction.
 - Write about these jobs. Include at least four jobs.
 - Make each job description two to four sentences long.
 - At the end of each job description, explain why the person left that job. Add one sentence explaining why he or she took the next job.

EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING

5. Evaluating Your Job History Does your job history describe the changing job scene during the Reconstruction? Use the questions below to evaluate and revise your job history.

Rubric

- Have you chosen one person living during Reconstruction to write about?
- Does your job history include at least four job descriptions?
- Does each description end with an explanation of why the person left that job?
- Do you explain why the person took each job?
- Does the description include specific historical details?

6. Proofreading Your Job History To perfect your job history before sharing it, check the following:

- Capitalization and spelling of all proper names and places
- Punctuation, grammar, and spelling