Reconstruction - An Unfinished Revolution

Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, wrote a prize-winning book about Reconstruction titled: *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877.* Think about how Reconstruction was unfinished especially with regard to African Americans who achieved an end to slavery but were denied the full rights of citizenship. Only with the civil rights movement of the second half of the twentieth century do we see the nation at last address full citizenship rights not only for African Americans but for many others as well.

In this 4.5-minute video, Dr. Foner discusses Reconstruction and its legacy. Note how he refers to the 14th Amendment's citizenship provisions.

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Slavery by Another Name

Because Reconstruction's revolution was left unfinished, white-supremacist governments in the South instituted an apartheid system of Jim Crow laws that was "slavery by another name." That is the title of Douglas A. Blackmon's Pulitzer Prize-winning book that is subtitled: The Re-Enslavement of Black People in America from the Civil War to World War II. In this 8-minute interview with *Georgia Weekly*, Mr. Blackmon explains why we must understand how after slavery was abolished African Americans were subjected to denials of rights and freedom much as they had been as slaves. This interview carries your study of the history of the South into the 20th century.

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