

Primary Source (Image)

“Is this a republican form of government? Is this protecting life, liberty, or property? Is this the equal protection of the laws?”, Thomas Nast, 1876

Guiding Question: To what extent did Founding principles of liberty, equality, and justice become a reality for African Americans from Reconstruction to the end of the nineteenth century?

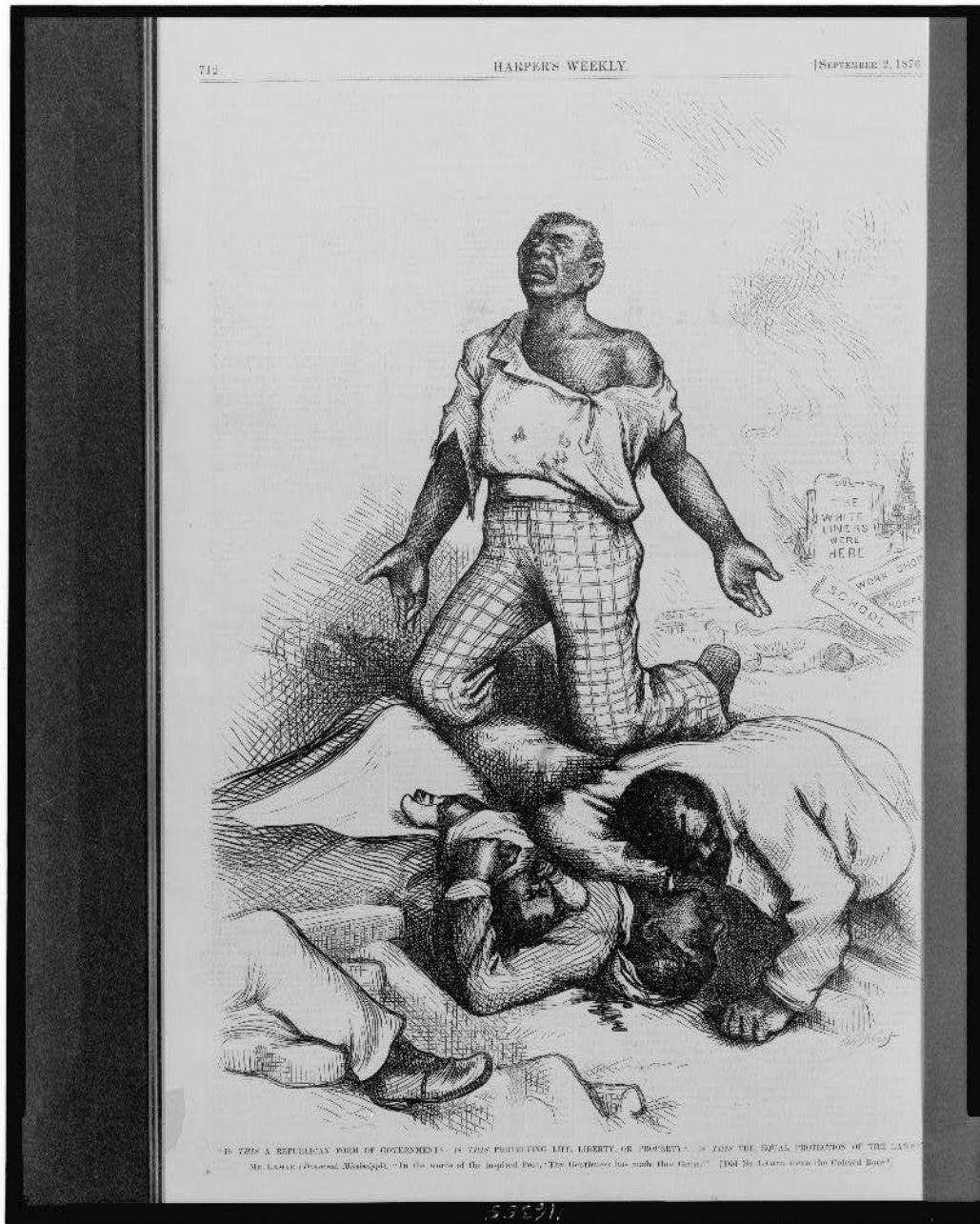
- ☐ I can interpret primary sources related to Founding principles of liberty, equality, and justice from the colonial era to the outbreak of the Civil War.
- ☐ I can explain how laws and policy, courts, and individuals and groups contributed to or pushed back against the quest to end slavery.
- ☐ I can create an argument using evidence from primary sources.
- ☐ I can analyze issues in history to help find solutions to present-day challenges.

Building Context

The following political cartoon appeared in Harper’s Weekly on September 2, 1876. The caption reads: “Is this a republican form of government? Is this protecting life, liberty, or property? Is this the equal protection of the law?”

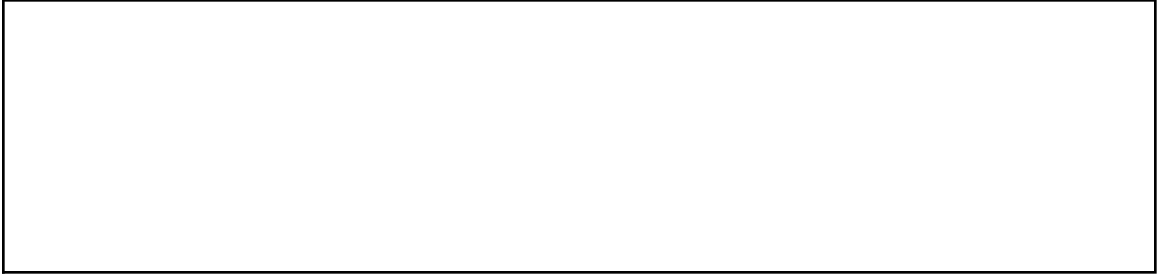
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Comprehension and Analysis Questions

1. I see...



2. Based on your observations, write down at least 2 questions you have about this image.

