Lesson 1
The Lost Promise of Reconstruction and Rise of Slavery and the Struggle for Abolition from the Founding Principles of Liberty and Equality for All: Founding Principles

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- The Declaration of Independence as approved by the Continental Congress, 1776*
- The Northwest Ordinance, 1790*
- The South Ordinance, 1790
- The Missouri Compromise, 1820
- The Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854*
- The Dred Scott Decision, 1857
- Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, 1860
- John Brown’s Last Speech, 1859*
- African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) Pastor S. B. Williams
- James Forten, from Letter I: Letters from a Man of Color, on a Promise, 1854
- Abraham Lincoln, Speech on the Repeal of the Missouri Compromise, 1854*
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