Redistributing Land to the Black Refugees

William T. Sherman, Special Field Order NO. 15 (1865)

Reading and Discussion Questions

1. *What need did Sherman identify as pressing for those newly liberated former slaves?*

*A. Freedom*

*B. Ownership of Land*

*C. Permission to reside*

*D. Cannot be subjugated to conscription*

*2. To what extent do you see Sherman’s order as part of the civil rights history of the United States? Do you see Sherman’s order as a radical innovation or as limited in its scope? Explain.*

Sherman’s order is relevant to the civil rights history of the United States because it was the basis for

it was the basis for equality for African Americans and white Americans. Sherman’s order was a radical

innovation because during this time period, society was strictly dominated by slavery and segregation.

1. *Analyze and evaluate Sherman’s policy regarding land redistribution.*

*How does it compare to other sources related to land as a meaningful part of citizenship?*

This was the first time where an agreement between federal officials and freed black were able to

able to collaborate in an agreement.

1. *Analyze the diverse evidence from the primary sources collected in this chapter to determine the cost of war on American Society. Were there any positive outcomes from the war experience?*

There were positive outcomes from war experience because it allowed Americans to realize what they

Fighting for which was to either have free blacks and/or slavery. It helped with the basis of having civil rights.

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