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From Speech To Policy Answer Key

Responses will vary, but strong answers may include:

Gettysburg Address Ideal	What It Meant in the Speech	Related Reconstruction Policy or Action	How It Reflected the Ideal
Unity of the Nation	The United States must remain one country	Southern states rejoined the Union	Country was rebuilt as a single nation
Equality for All People	Democracy must include everyone	14th Amendment (citizenship rights)	Expanded legal equality and protection
Honoring Sacrifice	Soldiers should inspire a better future	Efforts to rebuild and protect civil rights	Showed respect by building a fairer nation
Freedom as a Core American Value	Liberty must guide the nation's future	13th Amendment (ended slavery)	Freedom became law nationwide

Teachers should check for:

- Accurate connections between ideals and Reconstruction changes
- Clear explanations of how policies reflected Lincoln's goals

Teacher's Guide

- Review major Reconstruction policies beforehand (13th, 14th, 15th Amendments; Freedmen's Bureau)
- Provide students with excerpt cards or short notes from the speech
- Model one row together as a think-aloud

Extensions

- Research obstacles to Reconstruction and compare results to stated goals
- Connect to civil rights movements of the 20th century
- Require citations from textbook or primary documents for each chart entry