

Name _____

Change Makers Answer Key

Sorting:

- Presidents: Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant
- Activists/Reformers: Frederick Douglass

Example Explanations:

- Lincoln began plans for Reconstruction and worked to reunite the nation.
- Johnson became president after Lincoln and led early Reconstruction efforts, though many disagreed with his policies.
- Grant protected the rights of formerly enslaved people and fought against violent groups.
- Douglass spoke out for freedom and equality, encouraging the government to protect the rights of African Americans.

(Student wording may vary but should show understanding of roles.)

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce each figure with a short biography card before the activity.
- Encourage students to highlight or jot notes about each leader's main accomplishments.
- Students may collaborate in pairs to discuss choices before writing.

Differentiation

- Support: Provide a word bank for the explanation portion (e.g., equality, rights, leadership, reunite).
- Challenge: Ask students to write a second sentence explaining why each person's role was important in rebuilding the nation.

Extension Ideas

- Compare leadership styles: How were Lincoln, Johnson, and Grant different in their approach to Reconstruction?
- Have students write a short speech from Frederick Douglass's point of view asking for new laws to protect civil rights.