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Equal Education

ANSWER KEY—Worksheet 1

Celebrating Freedoms

Read the article at the top of page 4 of the magazine, “The Roots of Segregation.” African Americans who were enslaved in the southern United States did not have certain freedoms by law. Then read the article on page 6 of the magazine, and look at the color picture. It shows some of the rights which African American citizens enjoyed after the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed—look closely at that picture.

Do you think African Americans could get married in 1870? **yes**

How do you know?

The 15th Amendment was passed in 1870, and the picture shows African Americans getting married (bottom, left of center).

Do you think African Americans could go to school in 1870? **yes**

How do you know?

The picture shows children in school (bottom, left).

Do you think African Americans could vote and be political leaders in 1870? **yes, men could—but women could not**

How do you know?

The article says that the 15th Amendment, passed in 1870, gave men the right to vote. The picture shows a male African American politician (bottom, right).

