

The Life Of Reconstruction

Changing Of Names Of Us! Speech outlines

December 27, 1871

Colored

by: Tamir Harper

Speech by: Andrew Johnson-1866

"....Before the rebellion there were 4,000,000 called **colored** persons held as slaves by about 340,000 people living in the South. That is, 340,000 slave owners paid expenses, bought land, and worked the negroes, and at the expiration of the year when cotton, tobacco, and rice were gathered and sold, after all paying expenses, these slave owners put the money in their pockets- [slight interruption]-your attention-they put the property in their pocket."

This word colored is very big. I picked this word to show the word to address African-Americans in this time period. This speech was provided in class. This is the word that must was used for that time period.

Negroes

By: Tamir Harper

Speech by: Andrew Johnson-1867

"....To force the right of suffrage out of the hands of the white people and into the hands of the **negroes** is an arbitrary violation of this principle."

We went from colored to Negroes. A year later a speaker used the word Negro instead of Colored. I'm not sure if this is a big step or not. But it is a step of change. A word change is huge.

Blacks

by: Tamir Harper

Speech by: Richard H. Cain-1868

"....I saw, not long ago, a poor white woman walk eighteen miles barefooted to receive a bag of corn and four pounds of meat, resting all night on the roadside, eating one-half and then go away, living on roots afterwards and half starved. I desire that class of people to have homes as well as the **black man**."

At this time we are being addressed as all three names. This was said in all the same speech. So we did have change but the change is not complete. Due to the fact that we are using Colored and Negroes again instead of addressing them as **Black**.



The Future

by: Tamir Harper- 1871

"Change will come. We must work as one to make it happen. If we don't like what we see we must change it. This is something we can change and we will fight as one to bring change".

Negro, Black, Colored

by: Tamir Harper

Speech by: Congressman Joseph H. Rainey-1871

"Now, sir, I have not time to vindicate fully the course of action of the **colored** people of South Carolina.... They have not. Our convention which met in 1868, and in which the **Negroes** were in a large majority, did not pass any proscriptive or disfranchising acts, but adopted a liberal constitution, securing alike equal rights to all citizens, white and **black**, male and female, as far as possible.

Mark you, we did not discriminate, although we had a majority."

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