

## ★ *Why Reconstruction Failed* ★

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### **From *The New York Herald's* 1876 comment**

*“So passion on one side was answered by passion on the other, and those who, like the Herald, esteemed the South and longed for the hour when her old Commonwealths would rise from the dust, were compelled to stand by and look on, while the Rhettss on one side and the Thaddeus Stevenses on the other continued their unequal war. In every contest the North won, as was inevitable.”*

- ***What does The Herald mean here by the “Rhettss on one side and the Thaddeus Stevenses on the other”?***
- ***According to The Herald, what caused Reconstruction to fail?***
- ***Do you think The Herald was correct about who was to blame for the failure of Reconstruction?***