Maryland Emancipation Day

Analyzing Economic, Social, and Political Impacts on Southern Maryland and Beyond

Directions: Use the lesson materials and sources to identify what caused Maryland Emancipation Day, how it changed Southern Maryland, and how it connected to Reconstruction challenges across the state.

Causes and Context	Effects and Impacts
What events and legislative actions led to the abolition of slavery in Maryland?	How did agricultural systems, land ownership, and labor change in Southern Maryland following emancipation?
Why was Maryland Emancipation Day (November 1, 1864) an important day?	What political conflicts and civil rights struggles arose across Maryland during the Reconstruction era?
How did the end of slavery change families, communities, and social interactions in Southern Maryland?	How did Maryland Emancipation Day change everyday life in Southern Maryland and help shape the state's future during Reconstruction?