

**USING VISUAL CUES** Cut out the flash cards below and study the vocabulary words for this section.

**Black  
Codes**

laws that greatly limited  
the freedom of African  
Americans

*proper noun*

**Radical  
Republicans**

a group who wanted the  
federal government to  
be more involved in  
Reconstruction

*proper noun*

**Thaddeus  
Stevens**

a leader of the Radical  
Republicans

*proper noun*

**Civil Rights  
Act of 1866**

an act that provided African Americans with the same legal rights as white Americans

*proper noun*

**principle**

basic belief, rule, or law

*noun*

**The  
Fourteenth  
Amendment**

an amendment that gave all citizens (black and white) equal protection under the law

*proper noun*

**Reconstruction  
Acts**

*proper noun*

laws that divided the South into districts controlled by the U.S. military until the southern states rejoined the Union

**impeachment**

*noun*

the process of bringing charges of wrongdoing against a public official

**Fifteenth  
Amendment**

*proper noun*

amendment that gave African Americans the right to vote