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**Thaddeus Stevens was a member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania. He was a leader of the Radical Republicans within the Republican Party during the 1860s. This is an excerpt from a speech he delivered to Congress on March 19, 1867.**

“The cause of the war was slavery. We have liberated the slaves. It is our duty to protect them, and provide for them while they are unable to provide for themselves. None will deny the right to confiscate the property of the Southern states, as they all made war as the Confederate States of America. The bill provides that each freed slave who is a male adult, or the head of a family, will receive forty acres of land, (with $100 to build a house). Homesteads are far more valuable than the immediate right of suffrage, though they should receive both.

Four million people have just been freed from slavery. They have no education, have never worked for money, and don’t know about their rights. We must make the freed slaves independent of their old masters, so that they may not be compelled to work for them upon unfair terms, which can only be done by giving them a small tract of land to farm.”

**Source:** Thaddeus Stevens, speech to Congress, March 19, 1867.

**Vocabulary**

liberated: freed

confiscate: take or seize someone’s property

homestead: a piece of land gifted by the government to a citizen who lives on and farms it

suffrage: the right to vote

tract: an area of land

1. Thaddeus Stevens was a member of what political party? (1 pt.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Thaddeus Stevens was giving this speech to what group of people? (1 pt.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Based on this document, what were two policies that the Radical Republicans proposed for Reconstruction? Give a quote to support your answer. (4 points)

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3. Given what was going on in the country at the time, why might Democrats have opposed these policies? Give one good reason. (2 points)

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