

In this Quick Write exercise, you will write a diary entry describing the daily life of a person living in the South during Radical Reconstruction. You might choose the perspective of a newly freed slave, a poor white farmer or the farmer's wife, a plantation owner, or a carpetbagger. Use your notes and graphic organizers to choose a perspective and answer the questions below. Once you have completed these questions, write your diary entry in the space provided.

The person writing the entry is a _____

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| What words describe daily life <i>now</i> ? | What are some challenges you face today? |
| What words describe daily life <i>before and during</i> the Civil War? | What is the greatest change that has been caused by the war? |
| What words describe your hopes for the <i>future</i> ? | What are some opportunities? |

Now, use your answers from the chart to write a diary entry.

A large rectangular box with a black border, containing 25 horizontal lines for writing a diary entry.