Reconstruction Essay

Write a 5-paragraph essay on the following question.

Was reconstruction the second American Revolution?

 Your essay will be assessed using the following rubric:

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| Standard CCSS | Advanced (A) | Proficient (B or C) | Partially Proficient (D) | Unsat (F) |
| 1a. Introduce precise claim(s) distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims | A clear controlling idea/thesis guides the writing and concisely states the position to be argued. | A controlling idea/thesis guides the writing and states the position to be argued. | A controlling idea/thesis is present but may be general or indirectly stated. | The controlling idea/thesis is not present. |
| 1b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying data and evidence for each | Multiple categories of evidence are used to support the thesis and at least one counterclaim is included.  | Multiple categories of evidence are used to support the thesis. | Less than three categories of evidence are used to support the thesis. | Categories of evidence are not used to support the thesis. |
| Uses academic language from the unit. | Students use more than five examples of academic language from the unit correctly. | Students use at least five examples of academic language from the unit correctly. | Students use academic language from the unit correctly. | Students DO NOT use examples of academic language from the unit correctly. |
| Use of Primary and Secondary Sources  | Uses a combination of four or more primary and secondary sources to support your position  | Uses a combination of three primary and secondary sources to support your position | Uses a combination of two or fewer primary and/or secondary sources to support your position | Uses no primary or secondary sources to support your position |
| Reference | Uses an accepted academic citation method correctly and all sources are credited correctly on a reference page | Uses an accepted academic citation method and all sources are credited on a reference page | Uses a citation method and and/or all sources are credited on a reference page | Does not have a reference page |