

As it became more and more obvious that the North was going to be victorious over the South, President Lincoln began plans that focused on rebuilding the South and healing the nation. With the conclusion of the war, the nation had to address the economic, political, and social changes that would come with the end of slavery. With Lincoln's assassination, plans for a more radical and punitive approach to the Southern states emerged. Southern states were occupied by the U.S. military and steps were taken to assist and protect former slaves during this rebuilding phase. The controversy over who would win the presidential election of 1876 brought the Reconstruction Era to an end. Congress awarded Republican Rutherford B. Hayes the White House on the condition federal troops be withdrawn from the South. With the removal of the federal troops, many of the protections for former slaves disappeared.

Reconstruction

PEOPLE

Hiram Rhodes Revels

- 1) Why is Hiram Rhodes Revels significant to the Reconstruction Era?

DOCUMENTS

Homestead Act of 1862

- 1) How did the Homestead Act of 1862 impact settlement of the west?

Morrill Land Grant Act

- 1) Explain the purpose of the Morrill-Land Grant Act?

Freedman's Bureau Act of 1865

- 1) Describe how the Freedman's Bureau attempted to help slaves and poor whites after the Civil War?

Black Codes

- 1) Describe how the Black Codes attempted to keep slaves in a subordinate position after the Civil War?

Civil Rights Act of 1866

- 1) Why was the Civil Rights Act of 1866 necessary to protect the basic civil rights of former slaves?

First Reconstruction Act of 1867

- 1) According to the First Reconstruction Act of 1867, what steps did Southern states have to take to be readmitted to the Union?

The Enforcement Acts (Ku Klux Klan Act)

- 1) Why was it necessary to pass The Enforcement Acts during the Reconstruction Era?

Dawes Act

- 1) How did the Dawes Act attempt to eliminate Native American tribal life and assimilate Native Americans?

EVENTS

Reconstruction

- 1) What was the purpose of the Reconstruction Era?

Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

- 1) Why was President Andrew Johnson impeached?
- 2) Explain the result of Andrew Johnson's impeachment charges.

Election of 1876

- 1) After no clear winner in the Election of 1876, why were Democrats willing to let the twenty unresolved electoral votes go to the Republican candidate Rutherford B. Hayes which assured him victory?
- 2) How did the election of President Hayes impact Reconstruction?

CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Explain how the Freedman's Bureau and the Black Codes worked against each other during the Reconstruction Era?
- 2) How might the Reconstruction Era be different if Samuel Tilden won the Election of 1876?
- 3) Describe the positive and negative effects of the Reconstruction Era?