

Failure of Reconstruction

Theme: American and National Identity

Learning Objective 5.L: Explain how and why Reconstruction resulted in continuity and change in regional and national understandings of what it meant to be American.

Southern Power Structure

KC-5.3.II.D: Southern plantation owners continued to own the majority of the region's land even after Reconstruction...

- _____
 - White Southern Democrats who had supported the Confederacy regain political and economic influence
 - _____ - laws passed in order to control black population
 - Prohibited taking on loans, testifying against whites in court, being unemployed
- Despite owning land, whites still needed labor

Southern Economic Structure

KC-5.3.II.D: Former slaves sought land ownership but generally fell short of self-sufficiency, as an exploitative and soil-intensive sharecropping system limited blacks' and poor whites' access to land in the South.

- _____
 - Farmers used their own tools, seed, paid a rent to use the land
 - Ended in accumulation of debt
- _____
 - Farmers used the tools, seed, land of owner, paid with portion of the crop at harvest
 - Ended in accumulation of debt and lengthened contracts to pay off debts

Failures of Reconstruction

KC-5.3.II.E: Segregation, violence, Supreme Court decisions, and local political tactics progressively stripped away African American rights...

- _____ - _____ given the presidency over NY Democrat, Sam Tilden, in _____
 - Removes last troops from the South
- Segregation
 - _____ laws begin to be passed in 1870s by _____

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APUSH

Name: _____

governments

- Violence
 - _____ and _____ threaten, lynch African Americans, federal response - _____
- Supreme Court Decisions
 - _____ (1873) weaken 13th and 14th amendments
 - _____ (1883) declares Civil Rights Act of 1875 unconstitutional
- Local political tactics
 - _____ made it illegal to be unemployed
 - Black Americans convicted of a crime could be sentenced to involuntary servitude

Foundations for the Future

KC-5.3.II.E: ...but the 14th and 15th amendments eventually became the basis for court decisions upholding civil rights in the 20th century

- 14th Amendment will be necessary to apply Bill of Rights to the states beginning in 1925 after _____
- School desegregation in _____ decided based on 14th Amendment
- 15th Amendment will later be used to strike down _____ and _____

Recap

- White southerners regained their political and economic influence throughout Reconstruction
- Sharecropping and tenant farming tied blacks and poor whites to the land
- Reconstruction's end is usually marked with Hayes's election
- The collection of actions to undo the gains of equality for African Americans are really what end Reconstruction
- The 14th and 15th amendment will be used in the 20th century to solidify gains

Part II

Short Answer Questions

Answer the following in AT LEAST three sentences.

1. Explain how Reconstruction resulted in continuities in the regional and national understandings of what it meant to be American.

2. Explain how Reconstruction resulted in changes in the regional and national understandings of what it meant to be American.

Mississippi Black Code, 1865

Retrieved from: <http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/reconstruction/mississippi-black-code-1865/>

Vagrancy Law

Section 2. Be it further enacted, that all freedmen, free Negroes, and mulattoes in this state over the age of eighteen years found on the second Monday in January 1866, or thereafter, with no lawful employment or business, or found unlawfully assembling themselves together either in the day or nighttime, and all white persons so assembling with freedmen, free Negroes, or mulattoes, or usually associating with freedmen, free Negroes, or mulattoes on terms of equality, or living in adultery or fornication with a freedwoman, free Negro, or mulatto, shall be deemed vagrants; and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in the sum of not exceeding, in the case of a freedman, free Negro, or mulatto, 150, and a white man, \$200, and imprisoned at the discretion of the court, the free Negro not exceeding ten days, and the white man not exceeding six months...

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Sharecropper Contract, 1867

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. . . the said Cooper Hughs Freedman with his wife and one other woman, and the said Charles Roberts with his wife Hannah and one boy are to work on said farm and to cultivate forty acres in corn and twenty acres in cotton, to assist in putting the fences on said farm in good order and to keep them so and to do all other work on said farm necessary to be done to keep the same in good order and to raise a good crop and to be under the control and directions of said IG Bailey and to receive for their said services one half of the cotton and one third of the corn and fodder raised by them on said farm in said year 1867 and the said Charles Roberts Freedman with his wife Hannah further agrees and binds themselves to do the washing and Ironing, and all other necessary house work for said IG Bailey and his family during said year 1867 and to receive for their said services fifty dollars in money at the expiration of said year 1867 and the said Cooper Hughs Freedman further agrees and binds himself to give the necessary attention of feeding the Stock of cattle and milking the cows twice daily belong to said IG Bailey, and do the churning when ever necessary during the said year . . .

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