

BACKGROUND OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD

21 Minutes • Color

OBJECTIVES

1. To describe the resulting chaos in the South at the end of the Civil War, and the attempts to solve these problems
2. To trace the history of the blacks immediately after the Emancipation Proclamation
3. To describe the federal government's various efforts to restore order and resolve conflict between the factions
4. How events during this twelve year period affected U.S. History

BEFORE VIEWING QUESTIONS

1. Students should be familiar with events leading up the Civil War and the war itself.
2. It is also helpful to be familiar with the history of slavery up to President Lincoln's administration.

AFTER VIEWING QUESTIONS

1. What problems face the South at the end of the Civil War?
2. Was the reconstruction period successful? What positive changes came about? What negative ones?
3. Describe Lincoln's assassination. What were Lincoln's main accomplishments as President?
4. Describe Johnson's Presidency. How did his reconstruction plan differ from that of Congress?
5. What were the Black Codes? Why did Congress become angry with them?
6. Identify the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.
7. Explain the impeachment efforts against Johnson.
8. Was Ulysses Grant a successful and a popular president? Describe.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Many books are available detailing this important period in U.S. History.
2. Read about the life of Lincoln, Johnson, Grant and/or Hayes.

VOCABULARY

Scalawag	Radical	Reconstruction	Ku Klux Klan
Carpetbagger	Black Codes	Sharecropper	Assassinate
Impeach	Abolitionist	Veto	Emancipation Proclamation
Freedman's Bureau		Amendment	



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