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## What is Reconstruction?

Reconstruction is something that has been rebuilt after being damaged or destroyed. This can relate to the reconstruction after the Civil War.

Reconstruction generally refers to the period in United States history immediately following the Civil War in which the federal government set the conditions that would allow the rebellious Southern states back into the Union.



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## Our New Amedments

### 13th Amendment:

-The 13th Amendment states "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the united states or anyplace subject to their jurisdiction".

-Given Jan 31, 1865  
Ratified Dec 6, 1865.

### 14th Amendment:

-All persons born naturalized in the United states including slaves shall not be dinied of permitted from their natural born right as a citizen

Ratified on July 9, 1868

### 15th Amendment:

-Declared African American men the right to vote

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Ratified on February 3, 1870





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## Freedman's Bureau

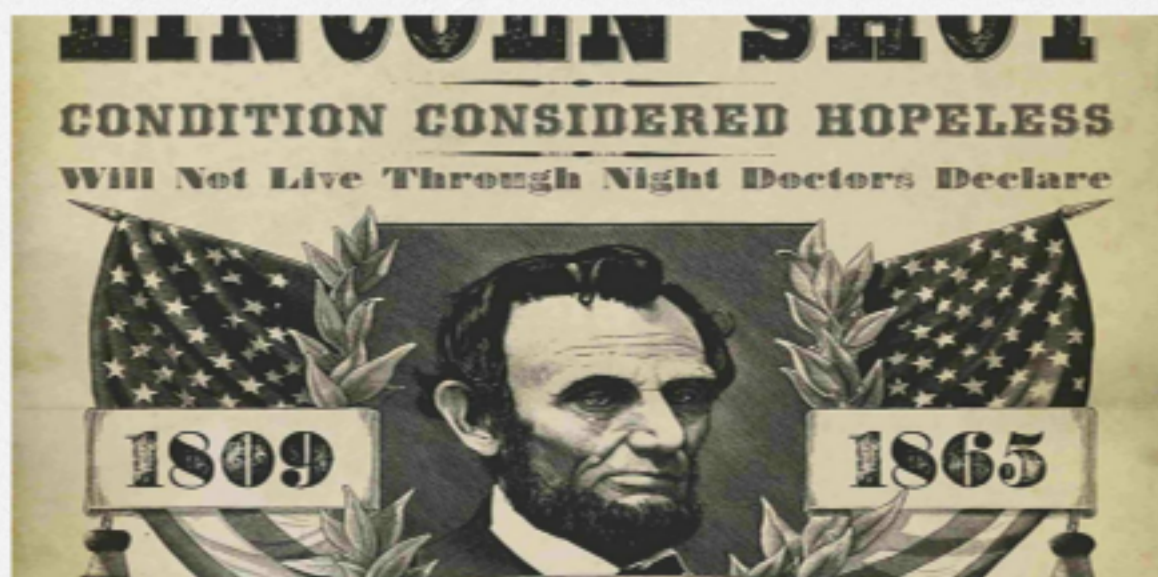
The Freedman's Bureau was established on March 3, 1865. Their goal was to provide food and clothing for newly freed slaves. The Freedman's Bureau also helped poor whites, and tried to get freed slaves jobs. Medical care was provided to over a million people. Schools were soon set up in the South for these freed slaves, the teachers were mostly women or volunteers from the North.

## Poor Blacks and Whites

During that time era many people including whites and blacks faced many hardships because of their status in their community. Whites for ridiculed for being among the poor blacks and were often called: white trash, hillbilly, etc. Blacks people were tricked and haunted by whites and both faced wrong doing it was worse in the south than the north. The majority of both did sharecropping and also tenant farming.

## Lincoln's Assassination

On April 14, 1865, John Booth, a Confederate sympathizer, shot Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. This hostile assassination came five days after the Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. This generals act practically ended the Civil War.





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## Black Codes:

In the United States, the Black Codes were laws passed by Southerners in 1865 and 1866. These laws had the intent, and the effect of restricting African American freedom, and compelling them to work in a labor economy based on low wages or debt. This went on until the 13th Amendment was passed in 1865. But illegally the Black Code went on a little bit longer than it was supposed to. These Black Codes were a body of laws and rules enacted by Southern whites to "control their slaves".

## Jim Crow:

Laws at the local and state level which segregated whites from blacks and kept African Americans as 2nd class citizens and from voting.

\*Poll taxes- you have to pay taxes before you can vote, most blacks were poor and weren't able to vote.

\*Literacy test- you have to be able to read and write, but blacks in that day didn't have an education.

\*Grandfather clause- if your grandfather voted in 1864 election you can vote, but most black still weren't able to vote.

The goal of Jim Crow was to take away political and constitutional rights guaranteed by the constitution: voting and equality of all citizens under the law.





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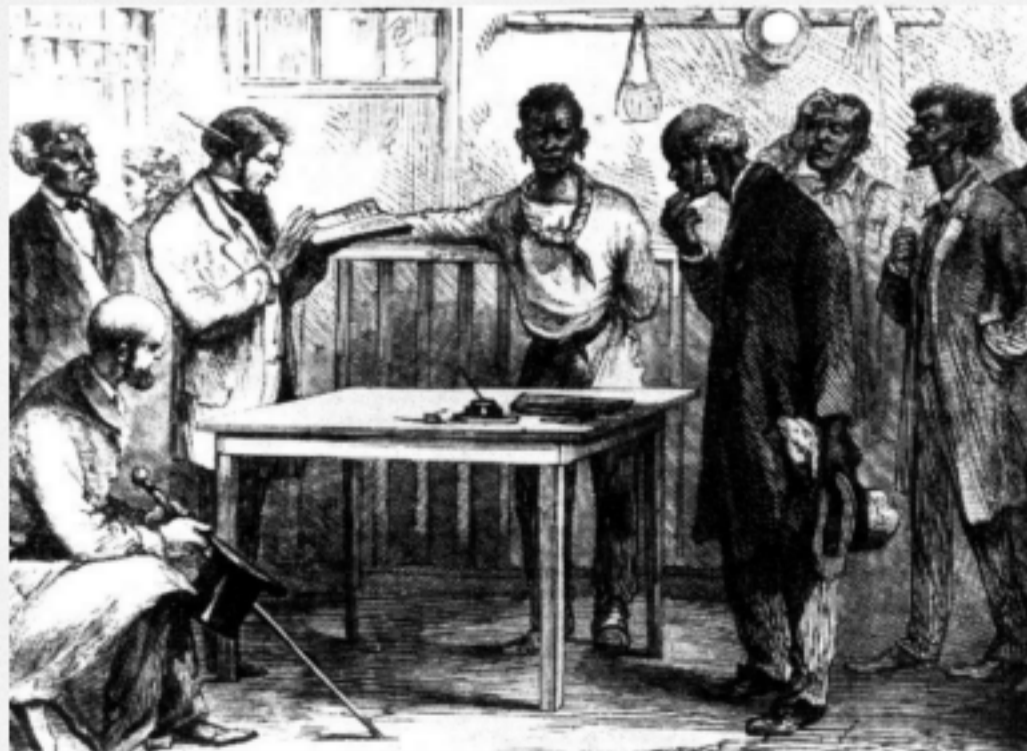
## Presidential Reconstruction:

After Lincoln's death the Vice President Andrew Johnson took office but didn't change views. He enforced the 13th Amendment and followed guidelines Lincoln was going to do. He didn't execute and confederates and was really relaxed about the south's re-alliance. This period was supported by mostly northerners and republicans. It prided the freedman's Bureau and their beliefs. Presidential Reconstruction didn't support Radical Republicans.

## Black Legislators

Black men participated in Georgia politics for the first time during Congressional Reconstruction (1867-76).

Between 1867 and 1872, sixty nine African Americans from Georgia served either as delegates to the 1867 constitutional convention or as members of the state legislature.





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## GA in the Meanwhile:

- Georgia during this period was producing large amounts of cotton and vegetables. Plus GA suffered a lot after the war paying taxes and trying to rebuild the state. most people lived in poverty.

## Henry McNeal Turner

One of the most influential African American leaders in late-nineteenth-century Georgia, Henry McNeal Turner was a missionary for the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia. Turner was an active politician and Reconstruction-era state legislator from Macon. Later, he became an outspoken advocate of back-to-Africa emigration.





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## The K.K.K

From 1863 through the early 1870's the Klu Klux Klan functioned as a loosely organized group of political and social terrorists. The Klan's goals were to defeat the republican party and the maintenance of absolute white supremacy in response to newly gained Civil and Political rights by southern blacks after the Civil War (1861-65). Most Klan actions were designed to intimidate black voters and the white supporters of the Republican Party.

## Share Cropping

Sharecropping was a system that let a freedman or poor white work a part of land for the landowner. The Sharecropper only received a portion of the land at harvest time. The land owner provided the Sharecropper with a place to live, seeds to plant with, and farming tools. The cost of the materials were deducted from his/her pay.

## Tenant Farming

Tenant farming was very similar to sharecropping, but tenants usually owned some of the agricultural equipment and farm animals. Unlike sharecroppers they bought their own seeds to plant and their own fertilizer. They did still pay land owners, but since they had more than sharecroppers the land owners only got a small profit.

## Radical Reconstruction

Radical reconstruction was a reconstruction plan created by radical republicans. Radical Republicans were members of the Republican Party who wanted to have harder punishments for the south. The terms to Radical reconstruction were,

Laws to protect the blacks through then Freedman's Bureau

All states must ratify the 14th amendment  
Until the state does, they are placed under military rule.



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## Military Reconstruction

General John Pope was the first military governor of the 3rd district. Georgia also held another constitutional convention allowed for black voting, public schools, and moving the capital to Atlanta. Rufus Bullock was elected the governor after the convention. The military was still in Georgia for the failure of ratifying the 15th amendment and the rise of the KKK. Georgia was readmitted to the Union in 1870 when the republicans and black legislators passed the 15th amendment.

## Our Solution:

As of now the Civil War is over and we need a plan to these states back into our the union A.S.A.P with certain consideration. The former Confederate States entering the union will be under constant watch through out the states. they will be treated like a child until we know we can trust them fully. Former innocent citizens of these states will receive some food and guarding from the Union Military. Slaves are requested to go west or north in search of a place where they are less likely to be harmed. No confederate soldier shall be harmed unless convicted for very harsh actions. All the former Generals will be in jail for the remainder of their life. Also north citizens should not under and circumstances try to get revenge, just file law suits we have enough blood on our hands.