Reconstruction: A Success or Failure?

LISTEN TO THE SONG "GOOD OLD REBEL" AND WRITE DOWN 3 WORDS OR PHRASES THAT DESCRIBE SOUTHERN WHITE ATTITUDES TOWARDS RECONSTRUCTION

I. Reconstruction was difficult to maintain as __________________slowly took back control of Southern states
   a. One-by-one, Southern state governments shifted from Republican control to the Democratic Party
   b. These “__________________________” hoped to restore the “Old South”

II. Slavery by another Name?
   a. The Civil War ended slavery, but African-Americans had little job _________ or ________ for farm land
   b. With few other options, most ex-slaves returned to the plantation to work
   c. After the Civil War, slavery was replaced by ____________________ , also known as the tenant farming
      i. White land owners would rent parcels of their fields to blacks in exchange for ½ to ¼ of the cotton they produced
      ii. But, tenants had no ______________ for tools or seeds so they gained __________ from the land owner in exchange for more of their cotton (crop lien system)
      iii. By the end of 1865, most freedmen had returned to work on the same __________________ on which they were previously enslaved

III. The End of Reconstruction
   a. By the mid-1870s, the Democratic Party returned to power in most Southern states
   b. The only thing protecting blacks were __________________________
   c. In the 1876 election, neither Democrat Tilden nor Republican Hayes won a majority of electoral vote
   d. Republicans and Democrats in Congress agreed to the “__________________________” in which Democrats agreed to vote for Hayes as president if federal troops were removed from the South
   e. When President Hayes removed federal troops in 1877, __________________ officially ended
   f. When Reconstruction ended, the ____________________ era began (1877-1954)
   g. Jim Crow laws __________________________ Southern society and restricted blacks from voting with __________ and __________.

TODAY'S GOAL: LEARN MORE ABOUT THE END OF RECONSTRUCTION BY EXAMINING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS ERA. YOU WILL TRAVEL AROUND THE ROOM, AT YOUR OWN PACE, TO EXAMINE THE DOCUMENTS I'VE PROVIDED. SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW BY ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS IN THE CORRESPONDING BOXES BELOW.

Reconstruction Roundup

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### Assisting Freedmen, Part 1

1. What does the **13th Amendment** state?

2. What was the goal of the Freedmen’s Bureau?

3. According to W.E.B. Du Bois, what was the major **success** of the Freedmen’s Bureau?

4. According to W.E.B. Du Bois, why did the Freedmen’s Bureau face **challenges/failures**?

5. Describe the **educational trends** that occurred after the Civil War.

### Economic Changes During Reconstruction

1. Define “**New South.**”

2. What is **sharecropping**?

3. How would you describe the South after the Civil War? **Be specific** – think about industry, condition of former slaves, etc.

### Assisting Freedmen, Part 2

1. What was the role of the Freedmen’s Bureau according to **Document A**?

2. Who may have created **Document A**? Defend your answer.

3. What was the role of the Freedmen’s Bureau according to **Document B**?

4. Who may have created **Document B**? Defend your answer.

### Black Codes, Post Civil War

1. What are **Black Codes**?

2. What are some things that all black codes had in common?

3. In the boxes below, note what freedoms each “black code” enables or restricts.

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### The Rise of the Ku Klux Klan

1. What was the main purpose of the KKK when it started in 1866?

2. What actions did the KKK take to resist the efforts of the North during Reconstruction?

3. Read the account of Mr. Joseph Holloway. What can you infer about the end of the Civil War/actions of the KKK knowing this event took place in 1961?

### Wrap-Up: Your Opinion

In your opinion, was Reconstruction a success or failure? **DEFEND** your answer with specific examples from this activity. Your response should be at least one good paragraph.