## **Chapter #22:** **The Ordeal of Reconstruction – Big Picture Themes**

1. After the war, the question was, “What to do with the southern states?” The more moderate Republicans, like Lincoln and his successor Andrew Johnson, lost out to the Radical Republicans who desired to punish the South.

2. The South was divided up into military districts. The southern states were not allowed to reenter the U.S. until the North’s stipulations were met.

3. For Southern blacks, these years were good politically. Since whites wanted nothing to do with the U.S., blacks voted and were often elected to state legislatures and Congress.

4. Economically, freed blacks fared worse. They were no longer slaves, but with little other options, they largely became sharecroppers. The end result was little different and little better than slavery.

5. In 1877, a presidential election was essentially a tie. A compromise was worked out, and the South got the U.S. Army to pull out. This left the southern blacks on their own—southern whites reasserted their power.

**GUIDED READING**

**The Problems of Peace**

Know: Reconstruction

**1. "Dismal indeed was the picture presented by the war-wracked South when the rattle of musketry faded." Explain.**

**Freedmen Define Freedom**

Know: Exodusters, American Methodist Episcopal Church, American Missionary Association

**2. How did African-Americans respond to emancipation in the decade following the war?**

**The Freedmen's Bureau**

Know: Freedmen's Bureau, General Oliver O. Howard

**3. Assess the effectiveness of the Freedmen's Bureau.**

**Johnson: The Tailor President**

Know: Andrew Johnson

**4. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of Andrew Johnson.**

**Presidential Reconstruction**

Know: Lincoln's "10 percent plan," Wade-Davis Bill, Radical Republicans

**5. Discuss President Lincoln’s 10 percent plan. How did the Presidents' plan for reconstruction differ from the plan of the Radical Republicans?**

**6. What was the Wade-Davis Bill of 1864?**

**7. What were the successes/failures of the Wade-Davis Bill?**

**The Baleful Black Codes**

Know: Black Codes, Labor Contracts, Sharecropping, Debt Peonage

**8. How were Black Codes used to keep the freedmen down?**

**Congressional Reconstruction**

**9. Why did northern congressmen refuse to seat the southerners when they came to take their seats? (Hint: there are two reasons -- one moral and one practical)**

**10-12. Define each of the following Post Civil War Amendments.**

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| **13th Amendment** |  |
| **14th Amendment** |  |
| **15th Amendment** |  |

**Johnson Clashes with Congress**

Know: Civil Rights Bill, "Andy Veto," Fourteenth Amendment

**13. How did Republicans use their dominance of Congress? What did President Johnson do in response?**

**Swinging `Round the Circle with Johnson**

**14. How did Johnson's campaigning during the 1866 congressional elections backfire? Why did it backfire?**

**Republican Principles and Programs**

Know: Charles Sumner, Thaddeus Stevens, Joint Committee on Reconstruction, Moderate Republicans

**15. How did the views of Moderate Republicans about reconstruction differ from the views of Radical Republicans?**

**16. What was the impact of the ruling of the Supreme Court in Ex parte Milligan?**

**Reconstruction by the Sword**

Know: Reconstruction Act, Fifteenth Amendment, Military Reconstruction, Redeemers, Home Rule

**17. Describe military reconstruction.**

**No Women Voters**

Know: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Woman's Loyal League, Fourteenth Amendment

**18. Why did some women feel that they did not receive their due after the Civil War?**

**The Realities of Radical Reconstruction in the South**

Know: Union League, Suffrage, Hiram Revels, Blanche K. Bruce, Scalawags, Carpetbaggers

**19. In what ways did African-Americans become politically involved in the years immediately following the Civil War? How did White southerners view their involvement?**

**20. What role did each group play in reconstruction?**

**Carpetbaggers:**

**Scalawags:**

**The Ku Klux Klan**

Know: Ku Klux Klan, Force Acts, Disfranchise

**21. In what ways did Southern whites attempt to keep former slaves down?**

**Johnson Walks the Impeachment Plank**

Know: Radical Republicans, Ben Wade, Tenure of Office Act, Edwin Stanton

**22. How did the Radical Republicans "manufacture" an impeachment of Andrew Johnson?**

**A Not-Guilty Verdict for Johnson**

Know: Benjamin F. Butler, Thaddeus Stevens

**23. Why were the Radicals unsuccessful in removing Johnson from office?**

**The Purchase of Alaska**

Know: William Seward, Russia

**24. Explain why Alaska was called "Seward's Folly," but was purchased anyway.**

**The Heritage of Reconstruction**

**25. Assess the success of Republican reconstruction.**