Reconstruction

1) April 9, 1865 the Civil War ends when General Lee surrenders to Ulysses S Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. The Generals and soldiers of the south have been fighting against the United States as traitors.

How should these traitors be treated?

2) Lincoln decides to forgive all southerners for leaving the union and offers forgiveness to everyone except high ranking Confederate officials like Jefferson Davis and Robert E Lee who were imprisoned for two years but then released and eventually reinstated as American citizens. He wants the Southern States to become a part of the United States again.

What should Lincoln do to make sure the south will become a part of the Union and not start another war?

Lincoln comes up with a plan called the ten percent plan in which if ten percent of the population and leadership agrees to join the union then the state is readmitted to the United States. The effect of the War in the south was 1) Economy is Destroyed 40% of the livestock was killed. 50% of the farming machines destroyed. And 2) Society needed to be fixed the slaves that made up a majority of the labor force were free, but unemployed refugees. The plan to fix the south is called Reconstruction.

Reconstruction (1865-1876)-Plan to rebuild the South

What needs to be fixed?

-Economy

-Society

Clip- Introduction

What should Lincoln and the Federal Government do to fix the economy and the society in the south?

Lincolns plan was to completely forgive the south and send aid through money and troops to help rebuild the economy and allow the south to run things without the Federal government getting too involved with Business. But they will send troops to protect the Freemen.

Lincoln’s Plan or the 10% Plan

1- Grants Forgiveness to everyone in the South

2- Allows States back into the Union if 10% of the people vote to rejoin the Union

3- Sends money to the South to rebuild the economy and make it more industrial

4-Send Federal troops in to protect the Freeman and maintain order in Society

But Lincoln’s plan was never fully put into place, he never saw the end of reconstruction he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth a southerner in Ford Theater in Washington DC on April 14th, 1865. His vice president Andrew Johnson, a Democrat became the President. Johnson came from Tennessee and grew up poor and as a boy hated the families of rich plantation owners. Johnson plan was similar to Lincolns except for one thing. What do you think that difference is and why?

Johnson’s Plan

Same as Lincoln EXECPT

1- Punish the Rich

2- No Plan to help Black Freeman

The south welcomed Johnson and Lincolns plan because they had lots of freedom to run things as they wanted.

Effects of Plan

1- Southern Leadership is the same as before the War

2- Most people were still angry about the War and a conflict starts between.

-Southern Democrats- people loyal to the Southern States

Vs.

-Carpet baggers- Northerners who came to the South to make money

-Scalawags- Southerners loyal to the Union

-Freeman- Freed Slaves (Radical Republicans)

Racism and discrimination against blacks was a large part of society. Southern Democrats came to power after the war, they were angry white southerners who viewed blacks as not fully human but rather second rate citizens, and also in many areas of the south the black population outnumbered the white population. What kind of laws do you think the southern states will pass? Give a specific example?

Black codes were passed by State governments controlled by angry Southern Democrats to keep the Black citizens from gaining power.

Black Codes- Laws passed to make discrimination legal.

Also white citizens organized groups to intimidate Blacks and keep white people organized; one of these groups formed in 1866 was called the Ku Klux Klan membership soon explodes

Goal- Keep the old lifestyle of white domination in order. Target Freeman, Scalawag, and Carpetbaggers

Clip- Birth of the Klan

How will the Federal government and the blacks respond to these laws and organizations?

In response the Federal government passes the 14th and 15th amendments to protect the rights of blacks ( but not women or Native Americans).

Republicans control Congress and Presidency (Grant) and pass laws to benefit Freeman.

14th Amendment- All people born or naturalized in the United States are citizens and are guaranteed equality under the constitution

15th Amendment- Protects Voting Rights

-Some Blacks are elected to Congress and local Government

Freed Black families began to be reunited and African Americans could move away from the former owners. African Americans began becoming active in voting and government and at the height of reconstruction nearly 700 African Americans served in local government, state and federal government with Hiram Revels of Mississippi elected in 1870 as a US Senator. White people in the south who supported these changes were called scalawags. Seeing the opportunity to gain from the disasters in the south white people in the north moved south, they also supported keeping power away from white southerners, these people were called carpet baggers. The Blacks in the south, scalawags and carpetbaggers helped Ulysses S Grant become president which extended Reconstruction. The south also opens 4000 schools educate both black and white students. But these schools were only open to people who could pay for an education. What limits were still on the African American people (refugees) in the south?

African Americans needed money to support themselves and their families. To do this they did sharecropping (Rent to Own) and tenant farming (I will Provide Labor while you provide land, because they were good farmers.)

Sharecropping and Tenant Farming

You get the land but must pay the land owners for rent, and for supplies at a cost the land owners determines, Goal is to buy own land and get yourself out of poverty.

Example of share cropping you make 10$ in one month from your crops. It costs 120$ to buy your own plot of land

Land owner comes to you and hands you bill

Housing- $2.50

Food- $2.50

Land Rental- $3.00

Supplies- $1.50

Profit= ? How long will it take to get $120?

20 years

How do you think sharecropping and tenant farming as well as the KKK take back the power and keep the African Americans in poverty?

People in the North upset with the cost of Reconstruction and little advances in the freedom of African Americans began criticizing Grant and the Republican Party gave the power of congress to the Liberal Republicans who supported the Democrats. With the democrats in power Reconstruction began to decline. Republican President Rutherford B Hayes fought with the Democratic congress and finally in 1876 the president and congress agreed to withdraw troops from the south officially ending Reconstruction. Did Reconstruction work or not?

Pre-1864 1864-1876 1876

Slavery

-No Freedom for Blacks

-White Domination

Freedom

-No Slavery but refugees

-Blacks gain power politically and reunite with Families

Reconstruction Ends

-Sharecropping

-Black Codes and KKK

Effects of Reconstruction

1) South is back in to Union ☺

2) Southern Economy is fixed ☺

3) Southern Society is full of Racism and Legal Discrimination ☹☹☹☹

Reflect: What should the Federal Government have done differently?

Notes for next time

Washington

Adams vs Jefferson

Madison, Monroe, Adams

Jackson

American Holocaust

1836-1860

Causes of Civil War Puzzle

Lincoln

Civil War

Reconstruction

/100 pts

Review Sheet

1- I Know.

2- Heard of, but cannot remember.

3- What? I have never heard of it before!

After you mark 1,2,3 then get into groups of 2-3 and teach each other and help make everything into a 1!