

Reconstruction:

- The period (1865-1877) of rebuilding the nation after the Civil War.

Major Issues Of Reconstruction:

1) How to integrate southern states into the Union

- Should Confederate leaders be charged with treason or pardoned?

- Southern representatives in Congress?

2) How to rebuild the southern economy?

- Destruction of railroads, factories, plantations, properties and businesses.

- Who should control the land?

Ex. Former slaves or wealthy white southerners

3) Rights of African-Americans?

- Full citizenship?

Ex. Access to jobs, voting, education, etc.

Andrew Johnson vs. "Radical" Republicans did not agree on Reconstruction:

1) Johnson was very lenient toward ex-Confederates

- allowed them to hold government positions

2) Radical Republicans:

- believed in equal rights for African Americans

- did not believe that ex-Confederates should hold office

- thought that the South was to blame for the Civil War and should be treated harshly

Terms / Events Associated With Reconstruction:

- **Jim Crow Laws:** laws passed during Reconstruction in order to segregate blacks in the South

Ex. Streetcars, railroad stations, parks, restaurants, schools, cemeteries, barbershops, etc

- Plessy vs. Fergusson (Supreme Court Case 1896):

Separate but Equal

- separate facilities for African Americans were legal as long as the facilities were equal to those provided for white citizens.

- Plessy vs. Fergusson upheld Jim Crow Laws and reinforced segregation in the South.

- Fourteenth Amendment: guarantees citizenship to African Americans.

- Fifteenth Amendment: states that no citizen can be denied the right to vote because of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The End Of Reconstruction:

1) *The Amnesty Act*

- restored the right of ex-Confederates to hold office.

2) Democrats begin to take control of Congress:

- Blacks are discouraged to vote

(poll taxes, literacy tests, intimidation)

3) Election of Rutherford B. Hayes (1877)

- election was settled by a special Committee appointed by Congress.

- Hayes was declared President

*** *Conditions:***

1) withdrawal of federal troops from the south

2) money to be provided for southern internal improvements