

Unit Guide

Key Terms & People

- Black codes
- Carpetbaggers
- debt peonage
- Fifteenth Amendment
- Fourteenth Amendment
- Freedman's Bureau
- Jim Crow laws
- Ku Klux Klan
- Radical Republicans
- Reconstruction
- share cropping

Objectives

- SS.912.A.2:** Understand the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War and Reconstruction and its effects on the American people
- SS.912.A.2.2** Assess the influence of significant people or groups on Reconstruction.
- SS.912.A.2.3** Describe the issues that divided Republicans during the early Reconstruction era.
- SS.912.A.2.4** Distinguish the freedoms guaranteed to African Americans and other groups with the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.
- SS.912.A.2.5** Assess how Jim Crow Laws influenced life for African Americans and other racial/ethnic minority groups.
- SS.912.A.2.6** Compare the effects of the Black Codes and the Nadir on freed people, and analyze the sharecropping system and debt peonage as practiced in the United States.

Benchmarks

1. Students will identify and/or evaluate the causes and consequences of the Civil War.
2. Students will identify the economic, political, and/or social causes of the Civil War.
3. Students will identify varying points of view regarding the main causes of the Civil War.
4. Students will evaluate the constitutional issues relevant to the Civil War and Reconstruction.
5. Students will identify the economic, political, and/or social consequences of Reconstruction.
6. Students will identify and/or categorize the influence of significant people or groups on Reconstruction.
7. Students will describe the issues that divided Republicans during the early Reconstruction era.
8. Students will identify the significance and/or impact of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution on African Americans and other groups.
9. Students will explain how Jim Crow laws circumvented the intent and meaning of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments.
10. Students will analyze and/or explain the various components of Jim Crow legislation and their effects on Southern minorities.
11. Items may assess short- and/or long-term consequences of the Civil War.
12. Items may assess the role of the Radical Republicans in Reconstruction.
13. Items referring to Jim Crow laws may include the Black Codes, the Nadir, sharecropping, debt peonage, and the loss of suffrage.

Textbook Guiding Questions

Chapter 1 Lesson 5: The Civil War & Reconstruction

- What important decisions had to be made concerning the fate of the seceded states and the rights of those freed from slavery?