

Chapter 7 - Day3

- April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shoots Pres. Lincoln

Section 4—Reconstruction

- Lincoln wanted moderate policy of reconstruction
- Freedmen's Bureau to help freed African Americans adjust
- Radical Republicans wanted to punish the South harshly. Keep Confederate leaders out of power and give political power to African Americans
- After Lincoln's death Vice President Andrew Johnson becomes Pres. His plan is extremely lenient.
- Congress reconvenes in Dec. and angry at Johnston
- Republicans pass Civil Rights Act of 1866—giving citizenship to anyone born in the U.S. except Native Americans
- Afraid that might be overturned by Supreme Court they pass 14th Amendment granting citizenship to born or naturalized and equal protection under the law
- Republican pass the Military Reconstruction Act over riding Pres. Johnson's
- Try to impeach Pres. Johnson
- President election 1868 Republican U.S. Grant wins
- 15th Amendment—right to vote cannot be denied

Section 5—Reconstruction and Republican Rule

- Fall of 1879 all former Confederate States rejoined the Union, but no harmony
- “Carpetbaggers”--Northerners who moved South
- “Scalawags”—Southerners who supported the new Republican rule
- Republican reform in South—repealed “black codes”, established hospitals, schools, built roads, bridges, and railroads, built up industry
- Southerners resented increased taxes they had to pay for these new programs and African Americans new position in society
- Secret Societies—all the resentment lead to secret organization like the Ku Klux Klan started in 1866, to intimidate and control blacks through violence
- Depression hits nation in 1870, Democrats take back control of Congress
- Southern Democrats take back control of southern states
- Pres. Election of 1876 Republican Rutherford B. Hayes v. Democrat Samuel Tilden. 30 electoral votes in question causing a dispute
- Compromise of 1877—south agrees to give Hayes all the votes and the election if he agrees to withdraw all military troops still in the south
- Reconstruction finally over
- South still mostly agriculture
- End of reconstruction brings return to “Old South”
- Tenant farmers—pay rent
- Sharecroppers—pay rent in crops, trapped in an economic downward spiral.