



Chapter 16 – Reconstruction Study Guide

Written below are questions that will be required to know for the chapter test. The answer for each question can be found in your notes. Go back to your notes for this section and find the correct answer. This study guide is to help guide your studies for the upcoming test. It is not a requirement for this class, it does not need to be turned in, and it will not be scored. This is only meant as a tool to help you prepare for the test. If you complete, study, and know the following information, your overall performance on the test should be high. Do your best and ace the test!

Section 1

1. What was the original goal of Reconstruction?
2. What was the Freedmen's Bureau?
3. What did the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment mean for African Americans in the United States?
4. Why did Congress still refuse to readmit southern states into the Union in 1865, even after those states had established new governments?
5. How did the Freedmen's Bureau affect education for freed slaves in the South?
6. What was Lincoln's main vision for Reconstruction?

7. How did Lincoln's plan for Reconstruction affect the social structure of the South?

8. How did the Wade-Davis Bill differ from Lincoln's Ten Percent Plan?

9. Why was the Thirteenth Amendment so important to Lincoln's Reconstruction plan?

Section 2

10. Why did southern governments pass the Black Codes?

11. Why did the Black Codes require that African Americans sign work contracts?

12. Why did Congressional Republicans think that passing the Fifteenth Amendment would help protect their Reconstruction plan?

13. How did the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment change life for African Americans in the United States?

14. Why did Republicans feel the need to propose the Fourteenth Amendment before southern states were readmitted to the Union?

15. The Fourteenth Amendment defined who could be considered a citizen in the U.S. Which group did the Amendment exclude from U.S. citizenship?

16. How did the Reconstruction Acts, passed by Congress in March 1867, affect the makeup of the southern states?

Section 3

17. Which of these was a reason behind the creation of the Ku Klux Klan in 1866?

18. How did members of the Ku Klux Klan demonstrate their anger towards African Americans?

19. In 1872, what change in the southern state governments brought about the end of many Reconstruction reforms?

20. How did the Compromise of 1877 affect Reconstruction?

21. The formation of the Ku Klux Klan inspired which action by the federal government?

22. What were Jim Crow laws?

23. Why was the verdict in the *Plessy v. Ferguson* case significant?

24. What steps were taken by the Redeemers to deny the right to vote to African Americans?

25. How did the sharecropping system limit the opportunities for African Americans to own farms and property?

