

■ Essential Question:

– What were the various plans to bring Southern states back into the Union and to protect newly-emancipated slaves?

– CPUSH Agenda for Unit 6.5:

■ “Reconstruction” notes

Reconstruction is the era from 1865 to 1877 when the U.S. government attempted to rebuild the nation after the Civil War

During Reconstruction, the government had to readmit the seceded Southern states back into the Union

End slavery and protect newly emancipated slaves

Rebuilt the South after more than four years of fighting

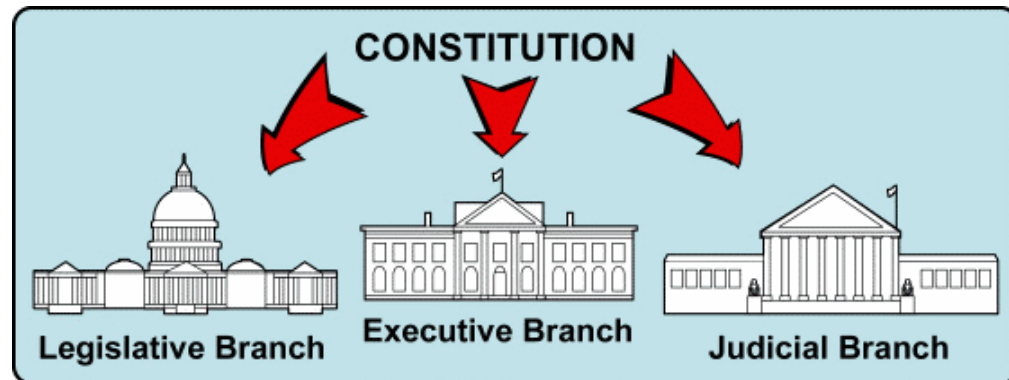
Reconstruction Video



As the Civil War was ending, President Lincoln promised a Reconstruction Plan for the Union with *“malice towards none and charity for all”*

But, the Constitution gave no guidelines on how to readmit states to the Union

The President and Congress disagreed over how to treat the Southern states

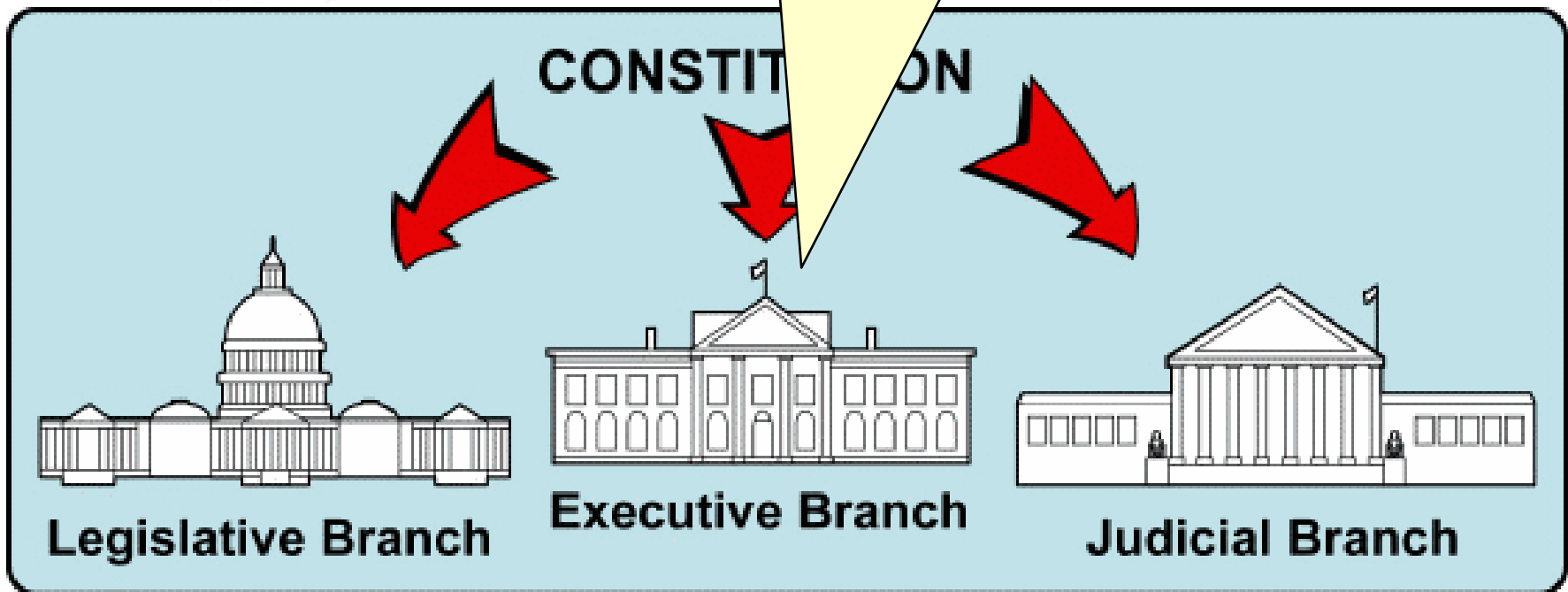


Abraham Lincoln's
Second Inaugural Address





Lincoln favored a 10% Plan that would quickly re-admit the Confederate states once 10% of the people swore an oath of loyalty and states ratified the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery in America



“Radical Republicans” in Congress **rejected Lincoln’s plan** because it was **too lenient** on ex-Confederates

They **favored a plan that protected blacks, required 50% of state citizens to swear a loyalty oath, and banned ex-Confederate leaders from serving in gov’t**



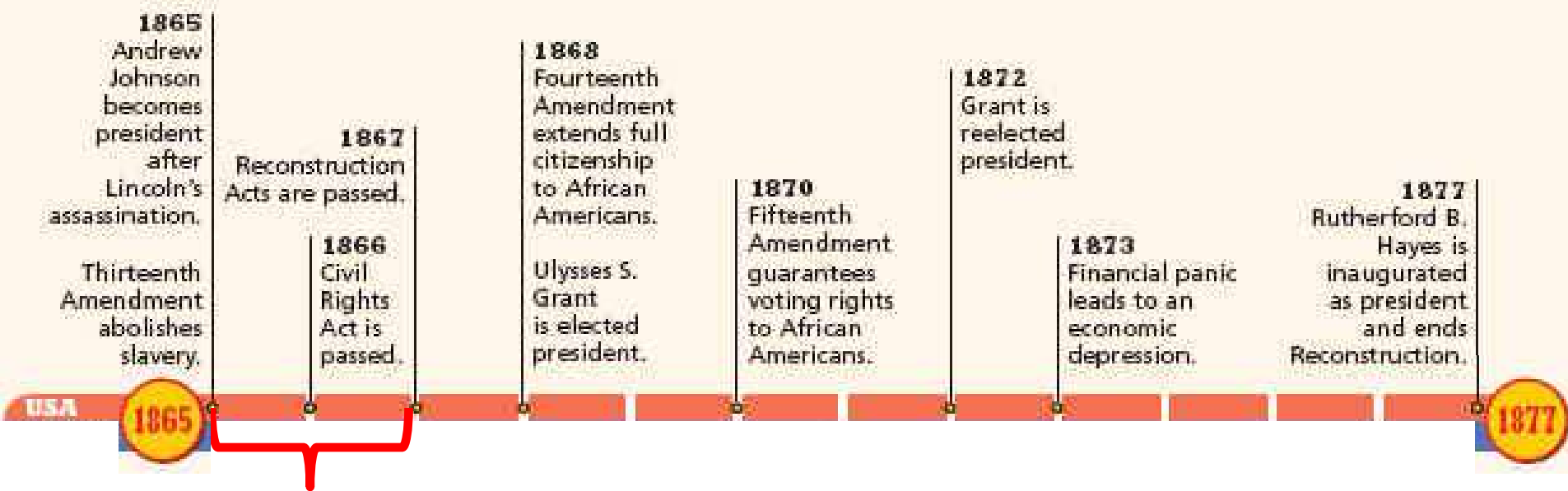
When the Civil War ended and Lincoln was assassinated, the government did not have a Reconstruction Plan in place



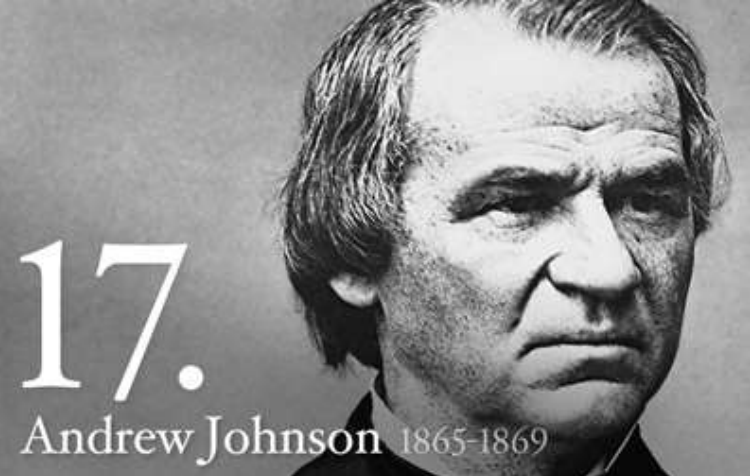
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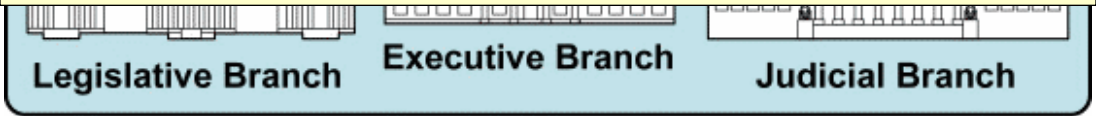
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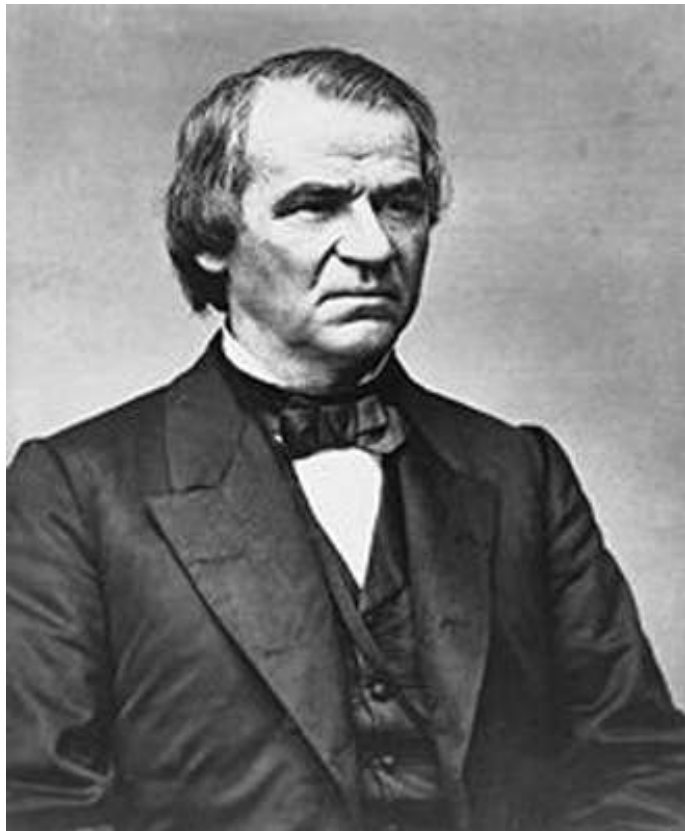
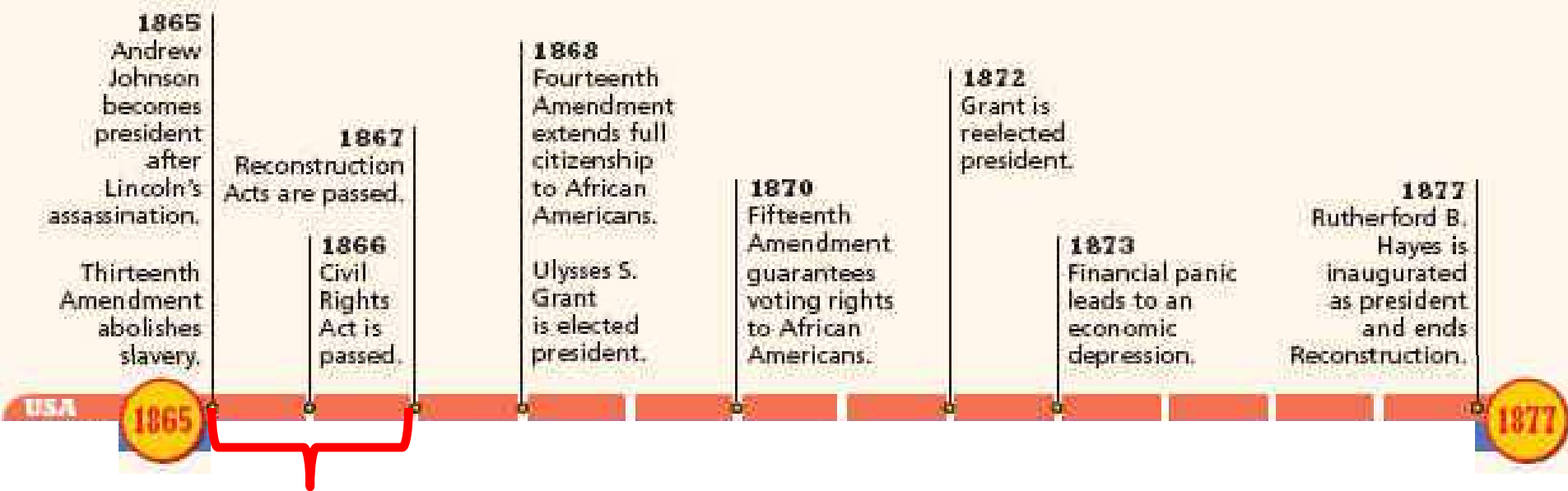


After Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, VP Andrew Johnson created a plan known as **Presidential Reconstruction** (1865-1867)



Johnson's plan was **lenient on Confederate states** because he wanted the South to rejoin the United States quickly





Ex-Confederate states could rejoin the USA **once they ratified the 13th Amendment**

We the People
Article I

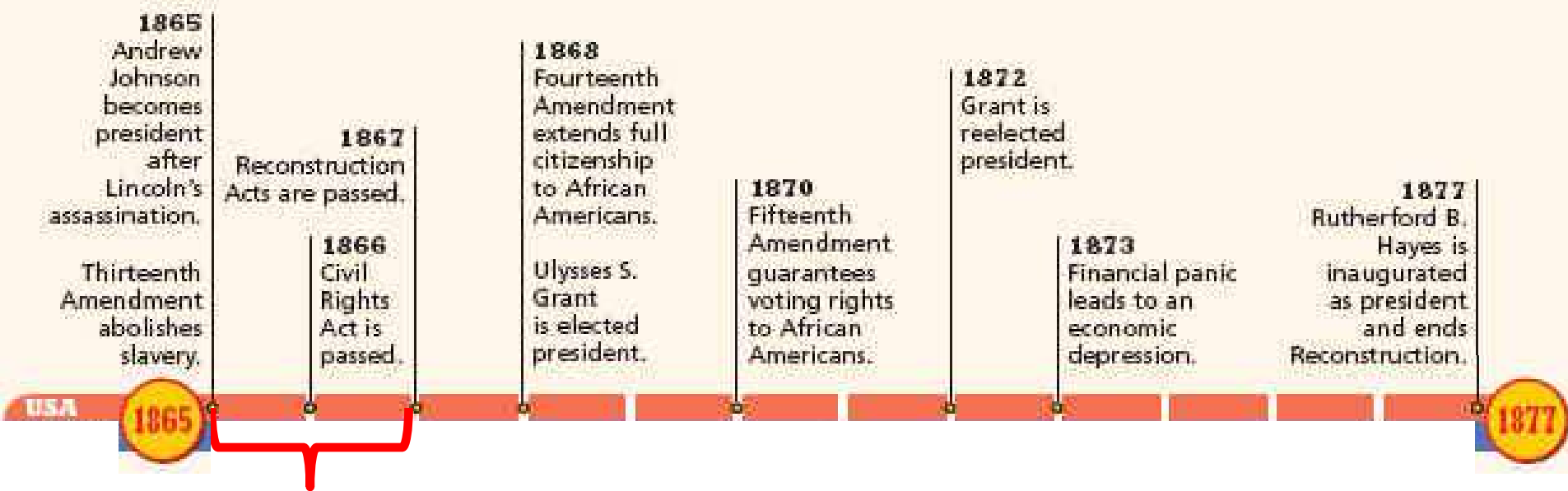
Amendment XIII -

1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.
2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation

Presidential Reconstruction did not require Southern state governments to protect former slaves

Southern states passed black codes to keep African Americans from gaining land, jobs, and protection under the law





“Radical Republicans” in Congress led by Thaddeus Stevens opposed Johnson’s Reconstruction plan and pushed for laws to protect blacks

In 1865, Congress created the Freedman's Bureau to **help former slaves**

The Bureau **provided emergency food, housing, and medical supplies**

Promised former slaves **"40 acres and a mule"** but never delivered

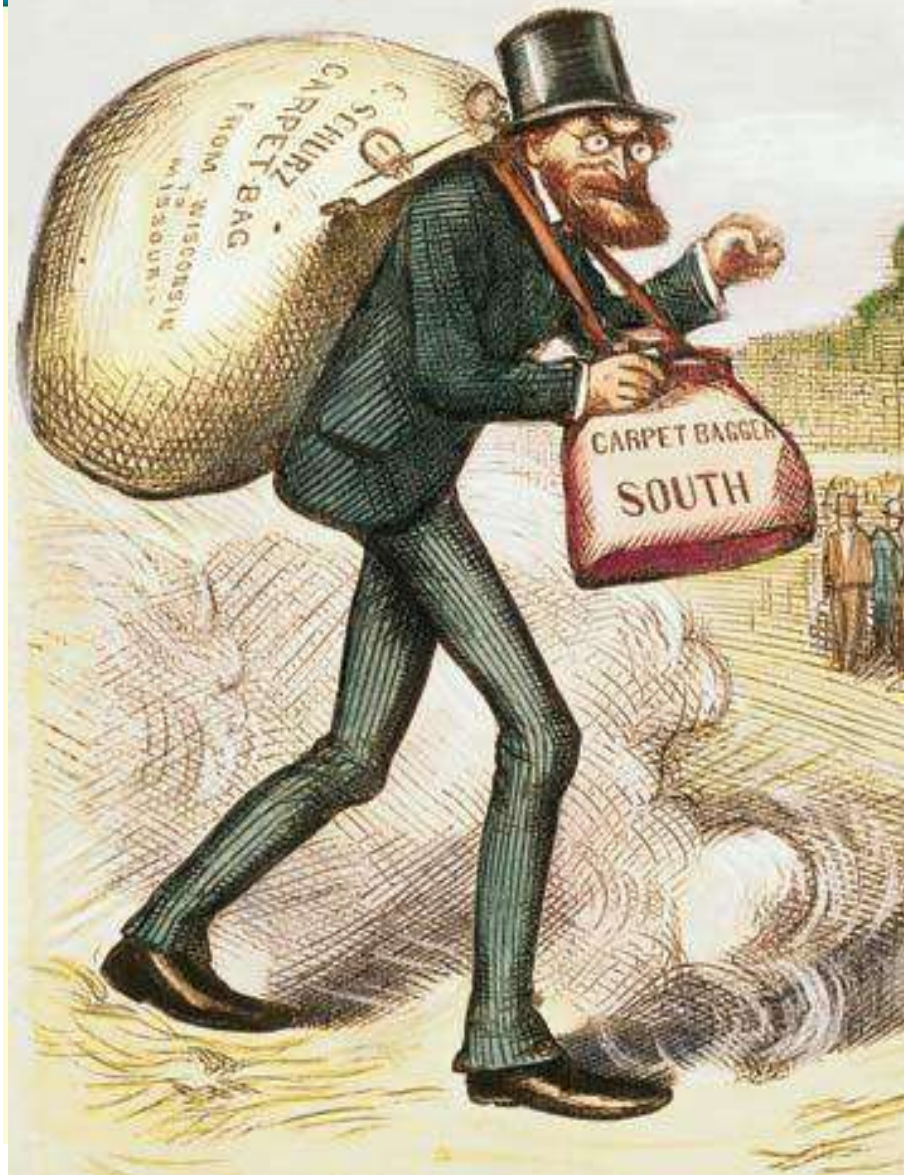
Agents went to supervise labor contracts

The **most important legacy** of the Freedman's Bureau was the **creation of new schools**

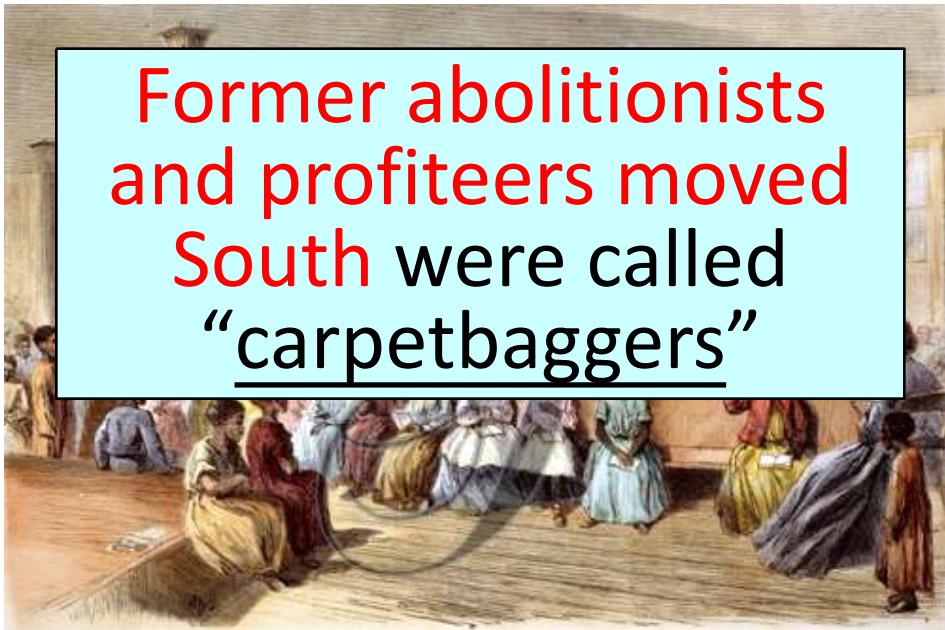




School Enrollment of 5- to 19-Year-Olds, 1850–1880



Former abolitionists
and profiteers moved
South were called
“carpetbaggers”



Freedmen's Bureaus and Black Colleges in the South



- Locations of Freedmen's Bureaus
- 🏛️ Black colleges established during the Reconstruction Era
- 🏛️ Black colleges established before the Civil War
- 🔴 Former Confederate states with Freedmen's Bureaus
- 🔵 Former Confederate states without Freedmen's Bureaus
- 🟡 Border states during Civil War

The emphasis on education led to the creation of black universities, such as Morehouse College in Atlanta

1865
Andrew Johnson becomes president after Lincoln's assassination.

Thirteenth Amendment abolishes slavery.

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Reconstruction Acts are passed.

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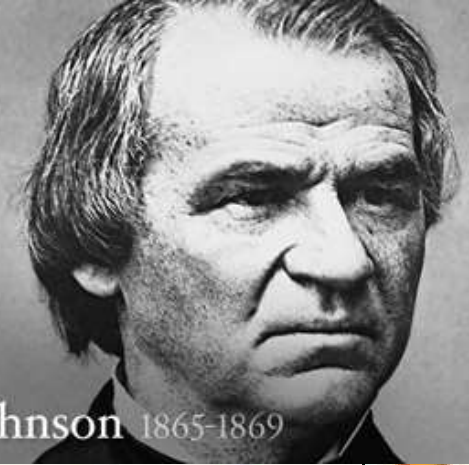
Ulysses S. Grant is elected president.

1870
Fifteenth Amendment guarantees voting rights to African Americans.

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Andrew Johnson 1865-1869



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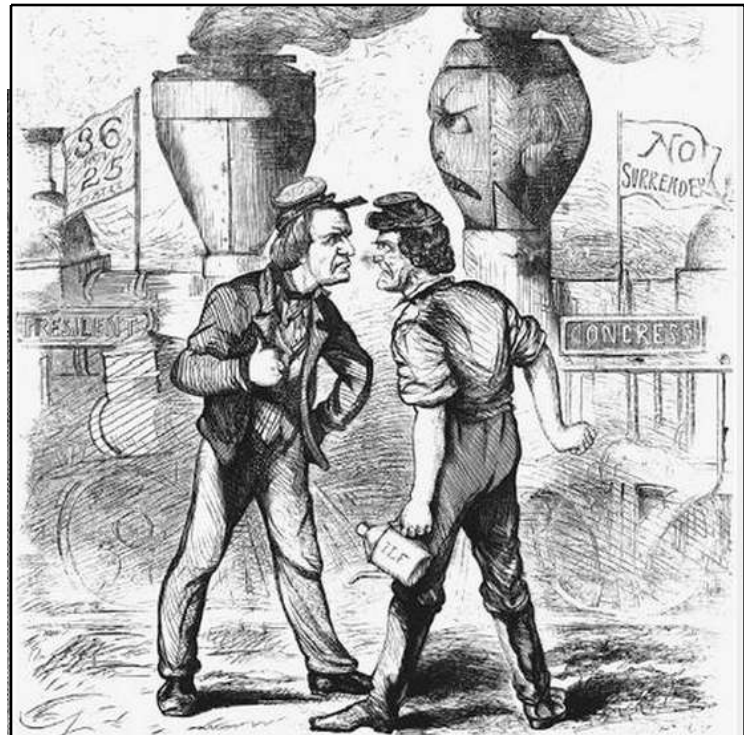
Even with the Freedman's Bureau, Radical Republicans feared that Johnson's lenient Reconstruction Plan would violate blacks' civil rights

Congress drafted the 14th Amendment in 1868, that included former slaves as citizens and guaranteed all citizens equal protection under the law



President Johnson thought that these new protections would anger Southerners and slow down Reconstruction

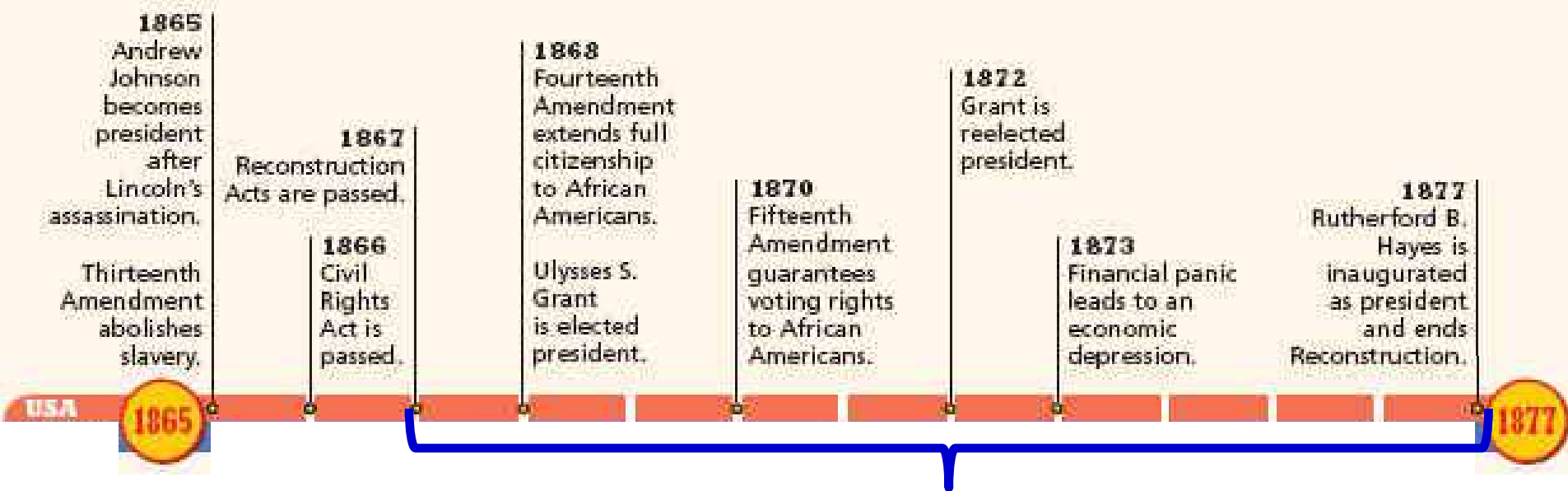
Johnson opposed the Freedman's Bureau and tried to convince states not to ratify the 14th Amendment



Political cartoon depicting the struggle between President Andrew Johnson and Congress over Reconstruction, published in Frank Leslie's Budget of Fun, November 1866. Johnson and Radical Republican leader Representative Thaddeus Stevens are pictured as drivers of locomotives that stand face to face on the same track. Johnson says in the caption, "Look here! One of us has got to go back," and Stevens replies, "Well, it ain't me that's going to do itou bet!" (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS DIVISION)

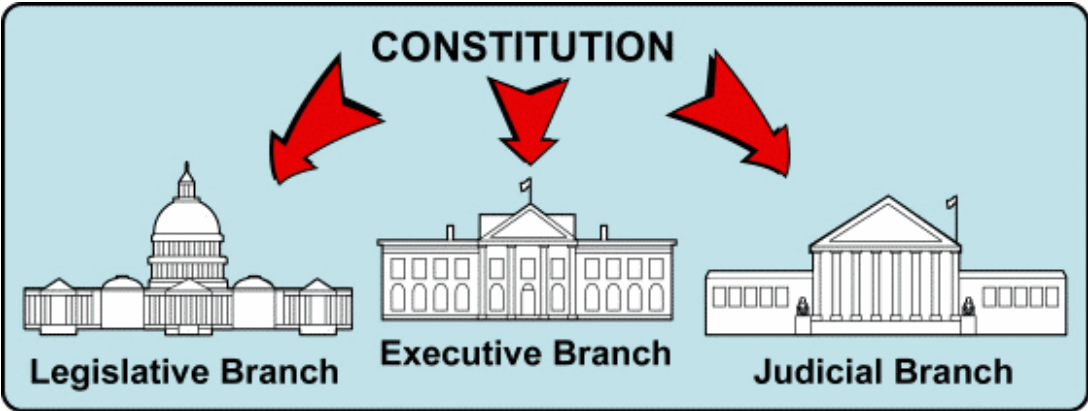


By 1867, moderate and radical Republicans realized that they needed to take control of Reconstruction from the president



Radical Republicans in Congress created their own plan called Congressional Reconstruction (1867-1877)

Congressional Reconstruction was strict, protected the rights of former slaves, and kept Confederate leaders from regaining power in the South

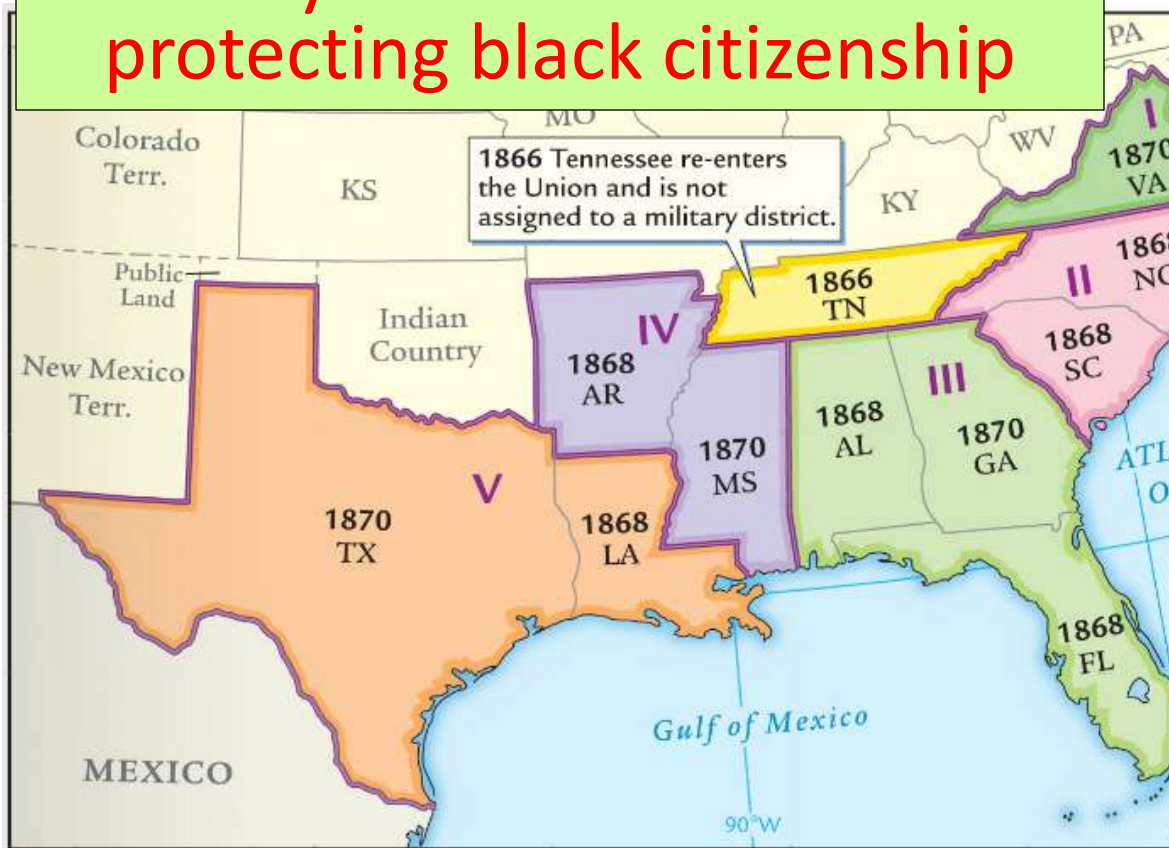


Congress passed the Reconstruction Act of 1867

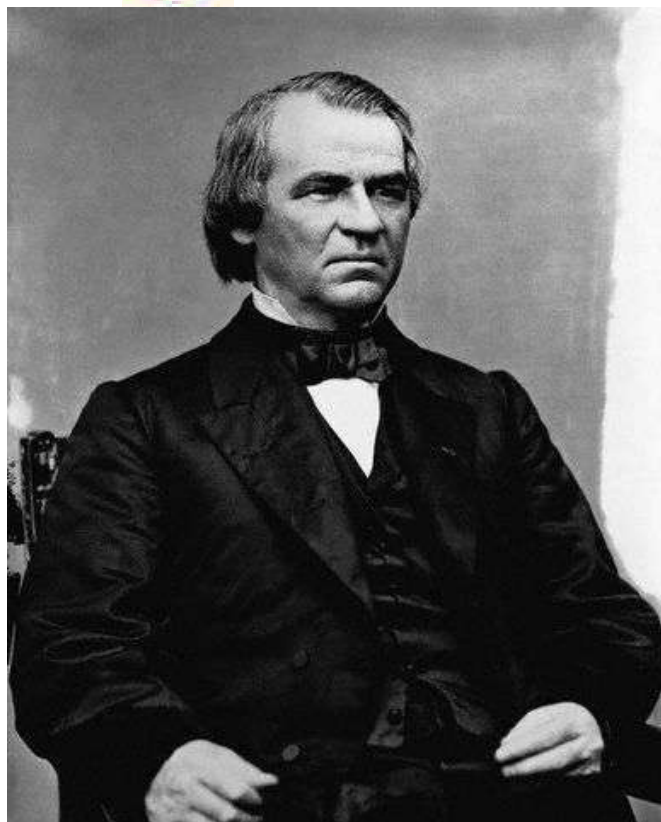
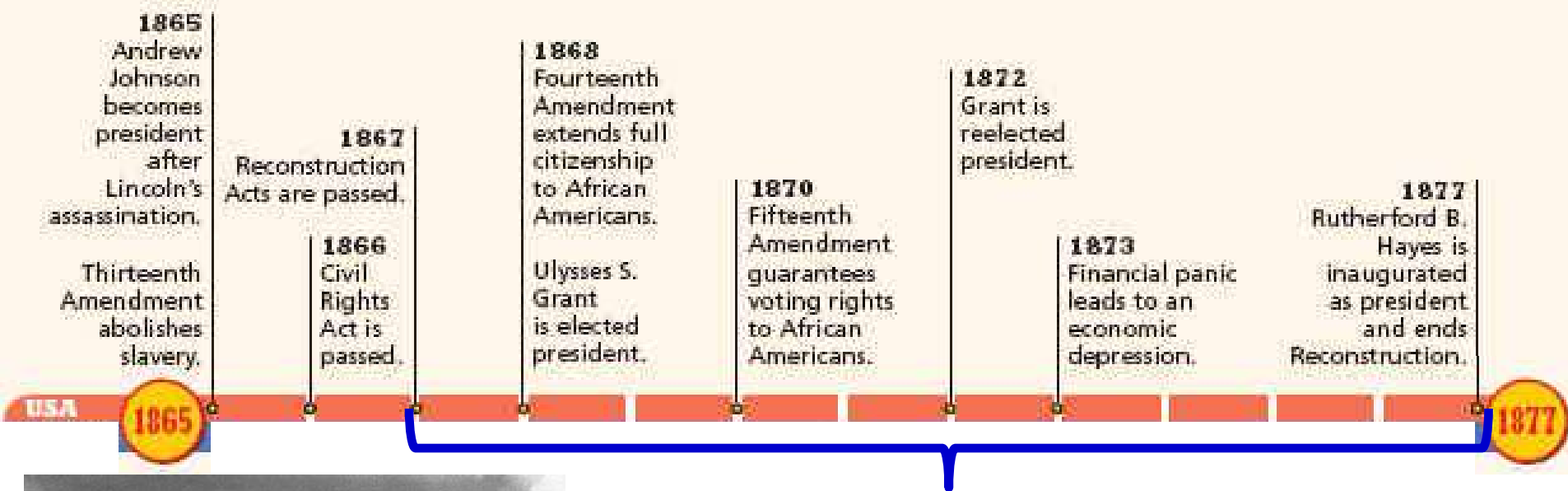
The South was divided into 5 military zones with US troops to enforce Reconstruction

To be readmitted, states had to ratify the 14th Amendment protecting black citizenship

Ex-Confederate states were required to give black men the right to vote at the state level



A MAN KNOWS A MAN.



President **Johnson** obstructed Congressional Reconstruction by firing military generals appointed by Congress to oversee Southern military zones

He **violated** a new law called the **Tenure of Office Act** when he tried to fire his Secretary of War who supported Congress' plan

Radical Republicans used this as an opportunity to **impeach the president**

The House of Representatives voted 126-47 to charge Johnson with a crime

After an 11 week trial, **the Senate fell 1 vote short of removing the president from office**

Johnson successfully argued that he had not committed a “high crime or misdemeanor”

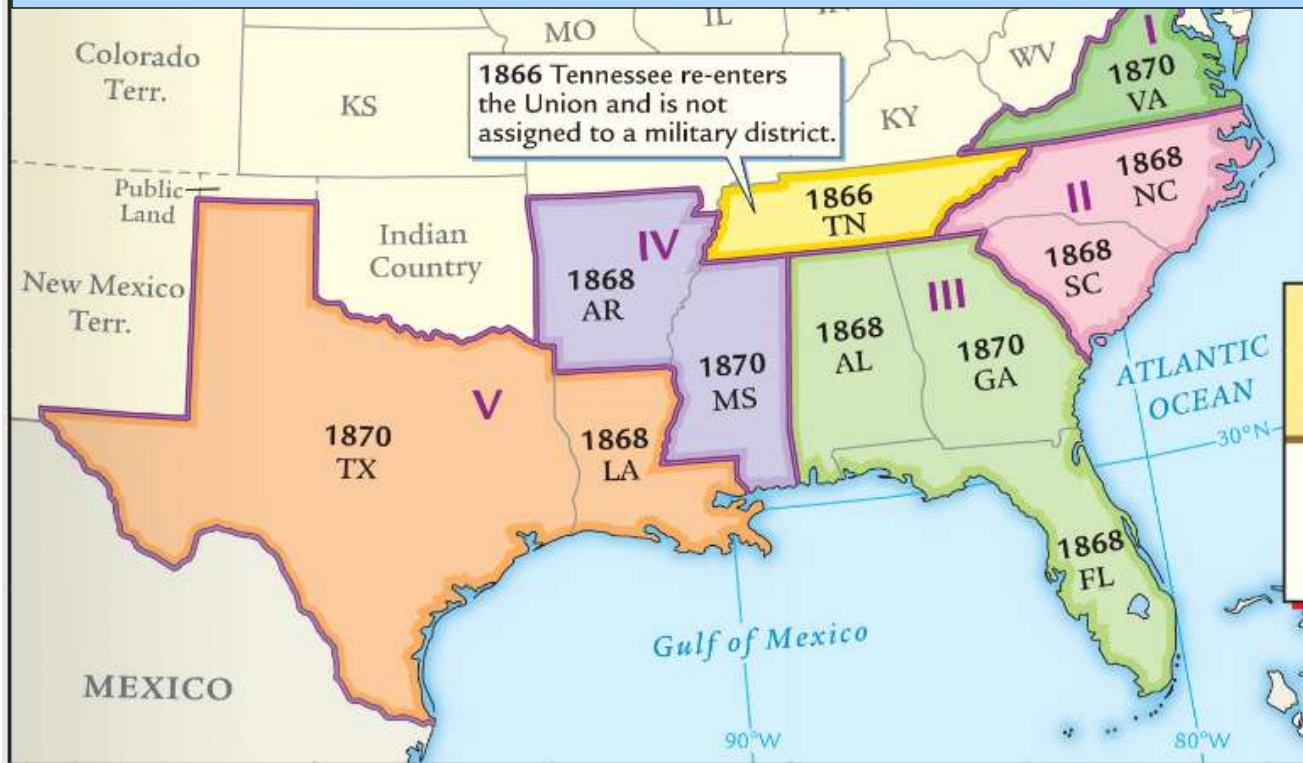
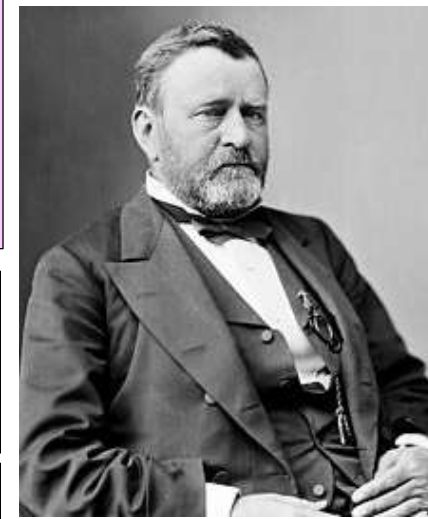


THE SENATE AS A COURT OF IMPEACHMENT FOR THE TRIAL OF ANDREW JOHNSON.—DRAWN BY THOMAS R. DAVIS.—[SEE FIRST PAGE.]

In the election of 1868, Civil War hero **Ulysses S Grant** won as a **Republican** candidate

President Grant (1869-1877) worked with Congress to enforce Reconstruction

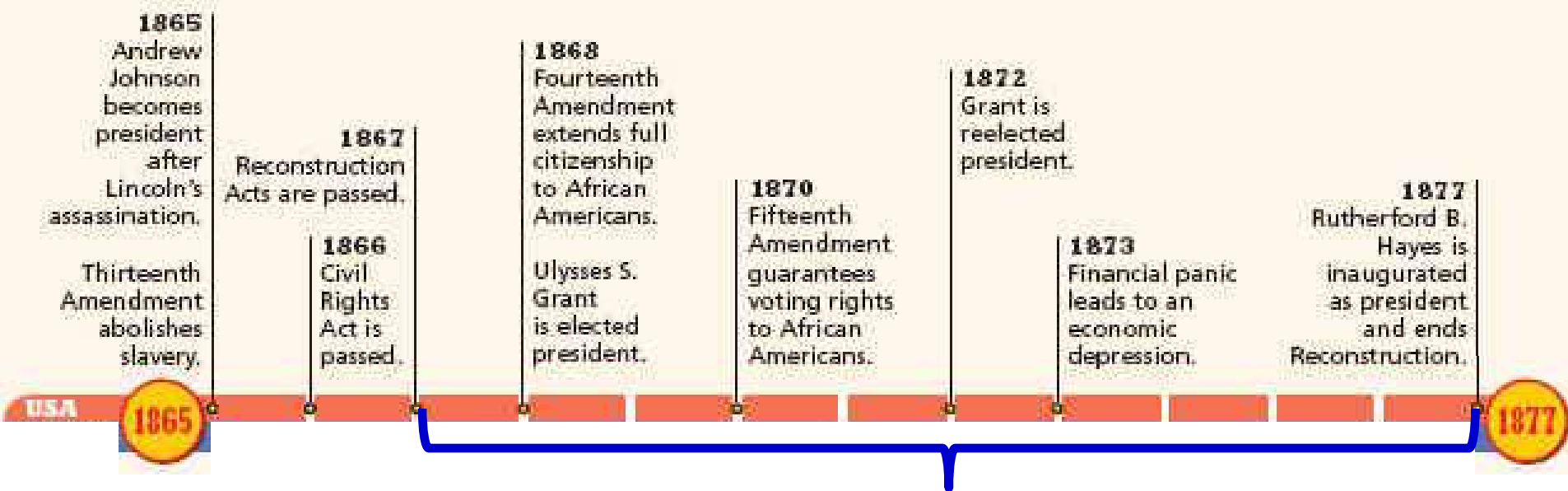
By 1870, all the **ex-Confederate states** were **readmitted** to the United States



In 1867 the former Confederacy was divided into five military districts. District commanders replaced governors until the states were readmitted to the Union. Troops remained to protect black voters in some areas until 1877.

MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE FORMER CONFEDERACY 1867-1877

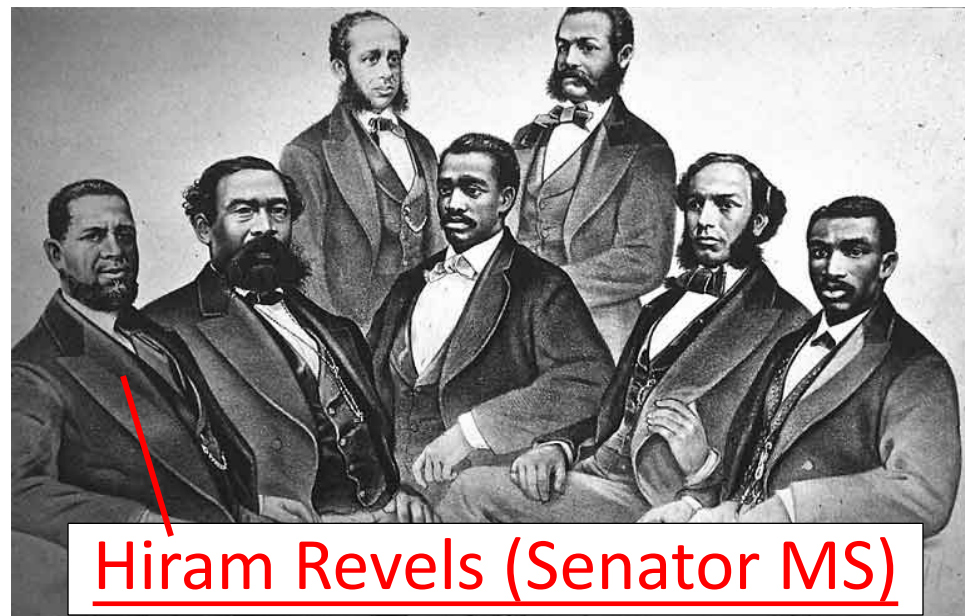
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- ★ 1868 Year of readmission to the Union



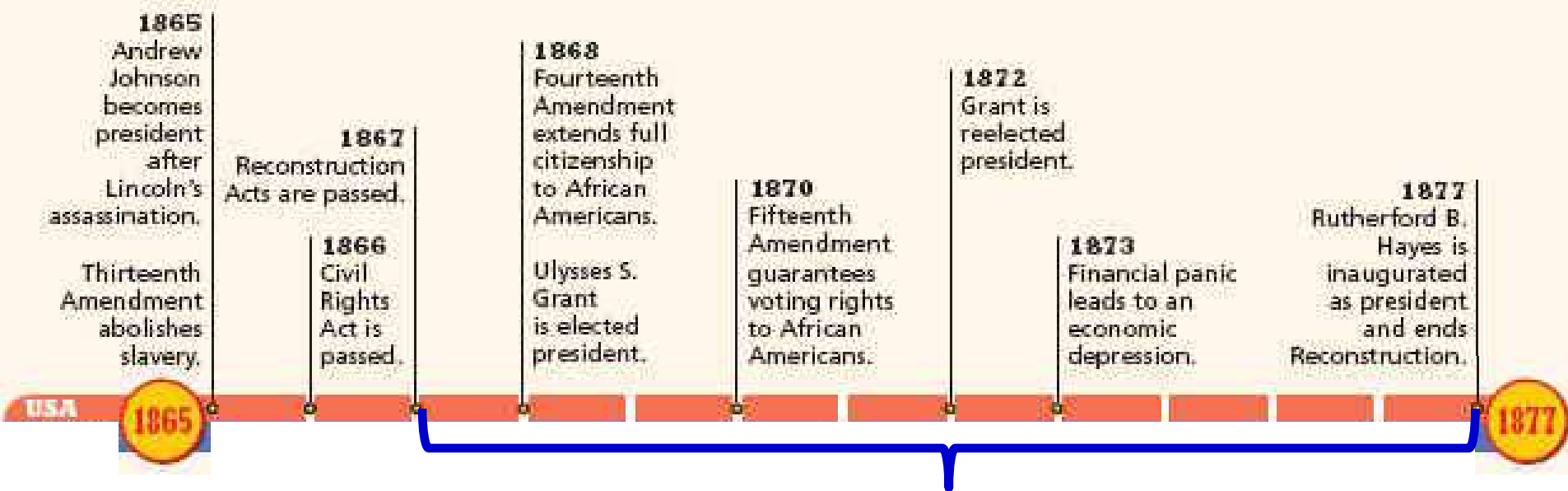
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The 15th Amendment gave black men the right to vote in 1870

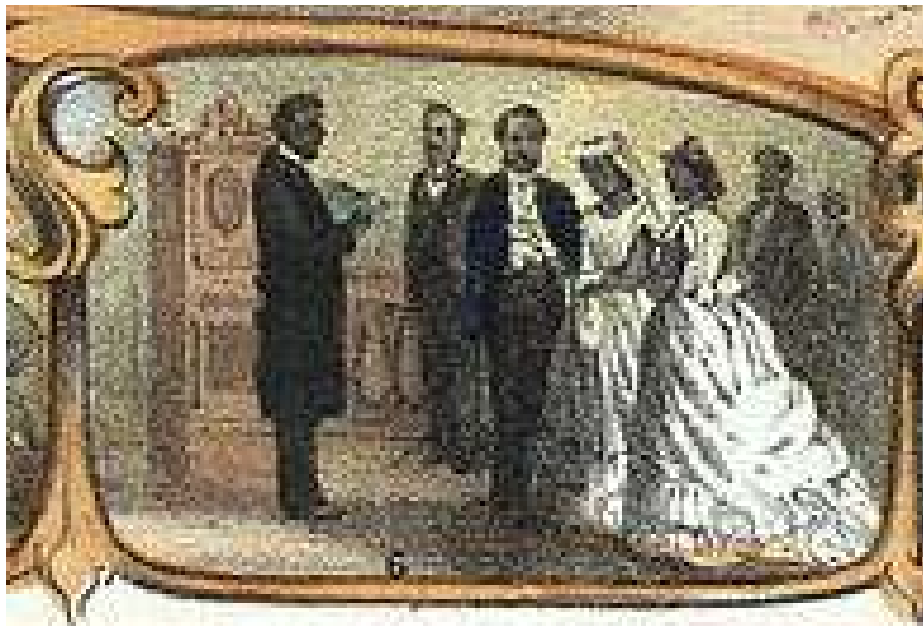
The 1st black politicians were elected to state and national offices



Hiram Revels (Senator MS)



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Literacy and education increased among blacks

Black families were reunited, marriages were legally recognized, and black workers could make their own money



Reconstruction brought economic changes to the South

After the Civil War, the Southern economy became more diverse with new iron, steel, and textile mills

The new industrial economy required hired workers

The government built railroads and helped repair the South

In 1867, William H. Seward signed a treaty to buy the territory of **Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million**

The purchase was known as **Seward's Folly**, because it was thought there was nothing in Alaska

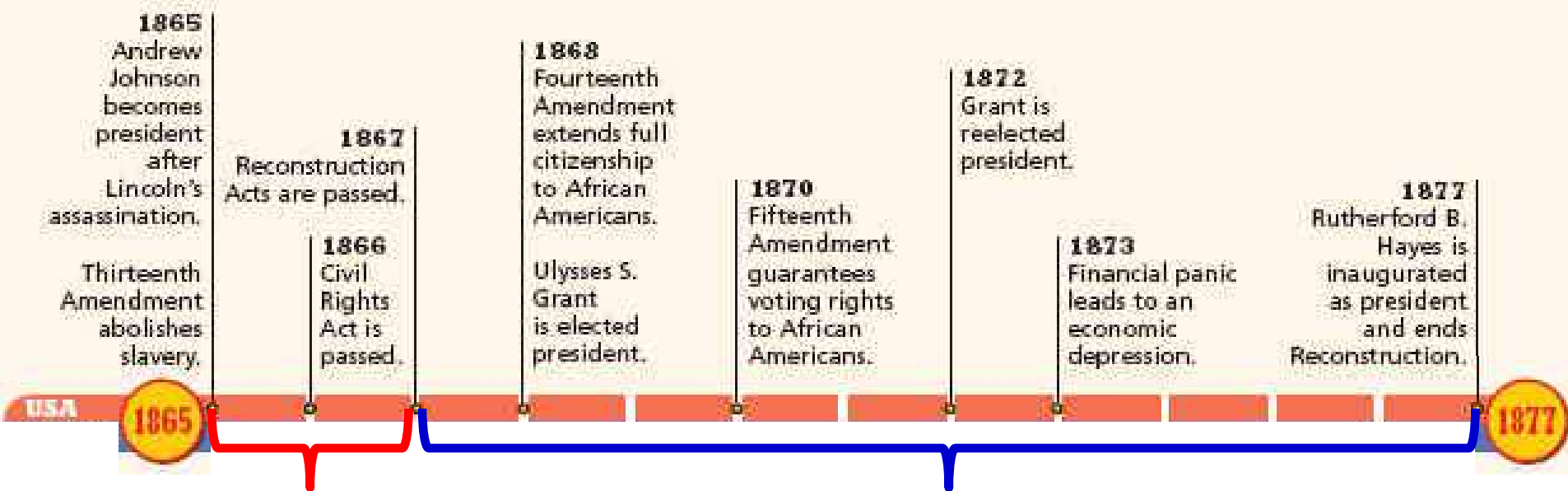


Based upon the image below,
what were the major failures of Reconstruction?



"The negroes of the South are determined to go," says the gentlemanly Whig. "This is what the DAB, a well-known Democratic organ of Tennessee, says, to huge capitals, on the subject: "Let it be known before the election that

"Of course he wants to vote for the Democratic ticket"



During Reconstruction, all eleven Southern states were re-admitted into the Union

The 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments guaranteed rights and equality for blacks in the South



But, Reconstruction was difficult to maintain as Democrats slowly took back control of Southern states



Listen to the song "Good Ole Rebel" and write down 3 words or phrases that describe Southern white attitudes towards Reconstruction

Southern governments resisted Reconstruction by passing more discriminatory black codes

Black codes restricted blacks from serving on juries, testifying against whites in court, marrying whites, or owning land

These laws often restricted black workers from gaining skilled jobs or competing against white workers

Black men could be forced into slavery as punishment for a crime or for not paying back debts



The Supreme Court ruled against civil rights laws designed to protect African-Americans

Civil Rights Setbacks in the Supreme Court

Date	Decision(s)	Ruling
1873	<i>Slaughterhouse cases</i>	Most civil rights were ruled to be state, rather than federal, rights and therefore unprotected by the Fourteenth Amendment.
1876	<i>U.S. v. Cruikshank</i>	The Fourteenth Amendment was ruled not to grant the federal government power to punish whites who oppressed blacks.
1876	<i>U.S. v. Reese</i>	The Fifteenth Amendment was determined not to grant voting rights to anyone, but rather to restrict types of voter discrimination.

Southerners used violence and intimidation to keep blacks inferior to whites

The Ku Klux Klan was first **formed during Reconstruction** to attack blacks who tried to vote or challenge white supremacy

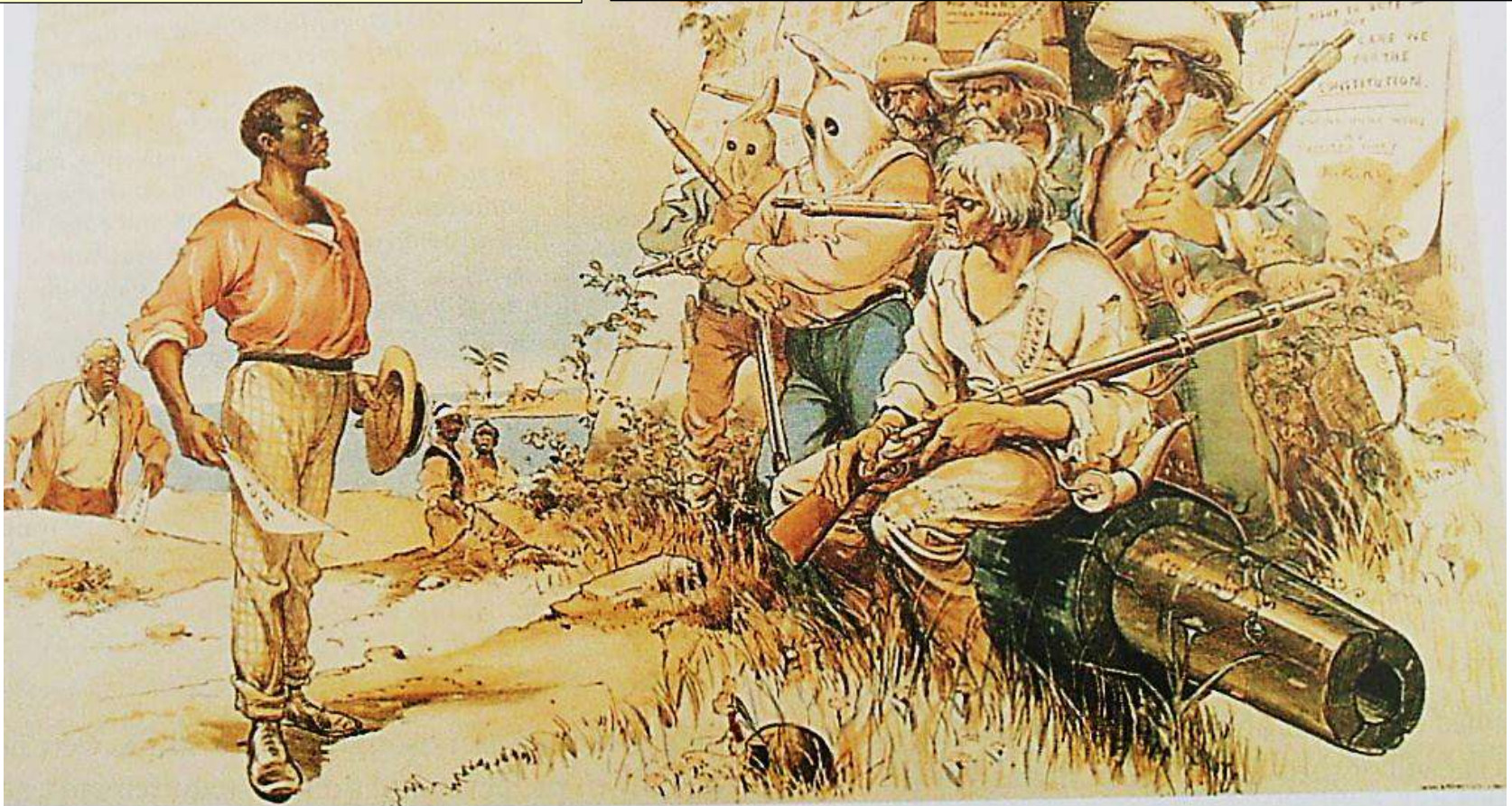
Lynching became more common



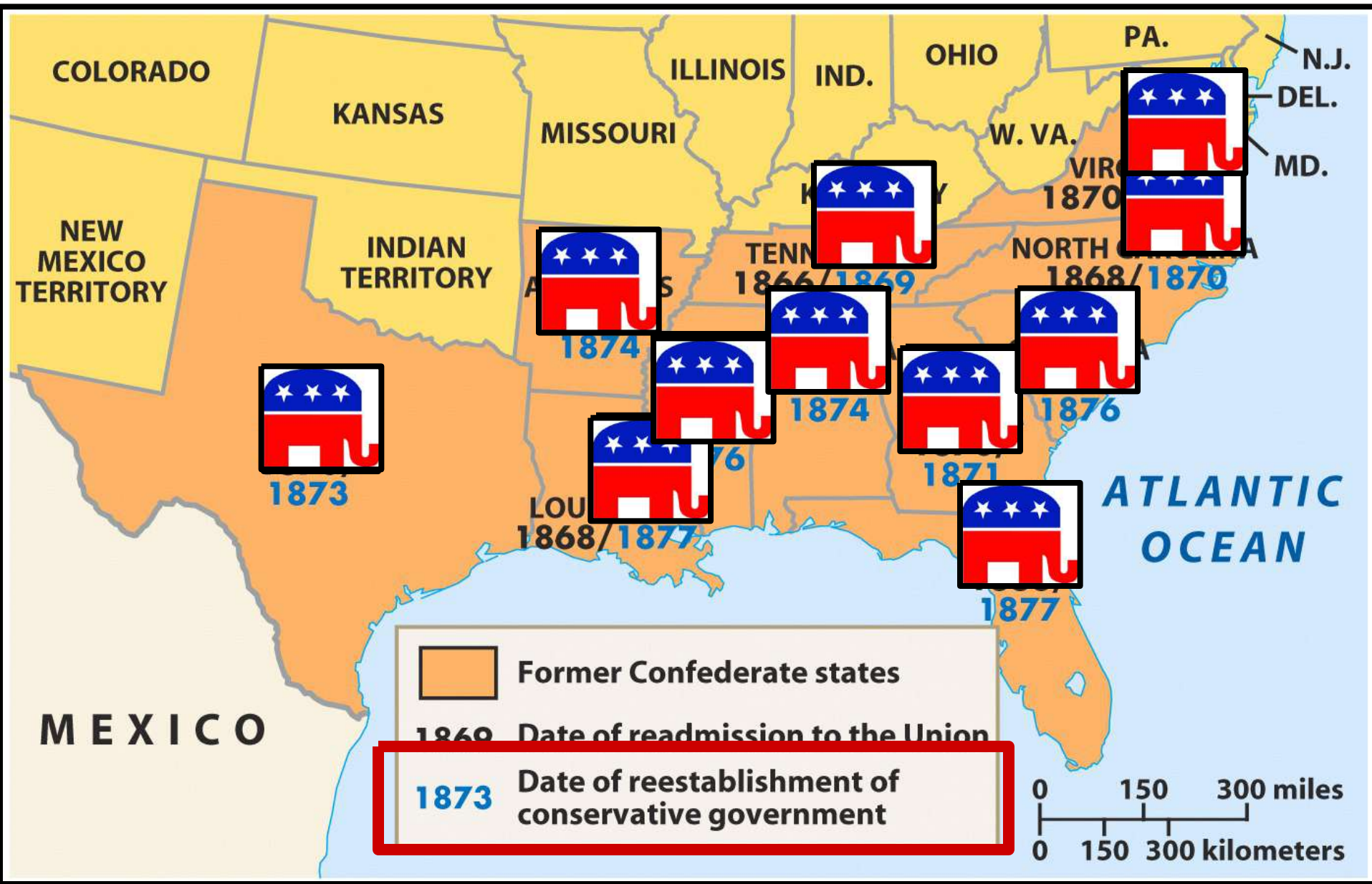
Southerners supported the return of the Democratic Party to state governments

Black codes and the KKK successfully limited black voting

Federal troops in Southern military districts had difficulty protecting blacks

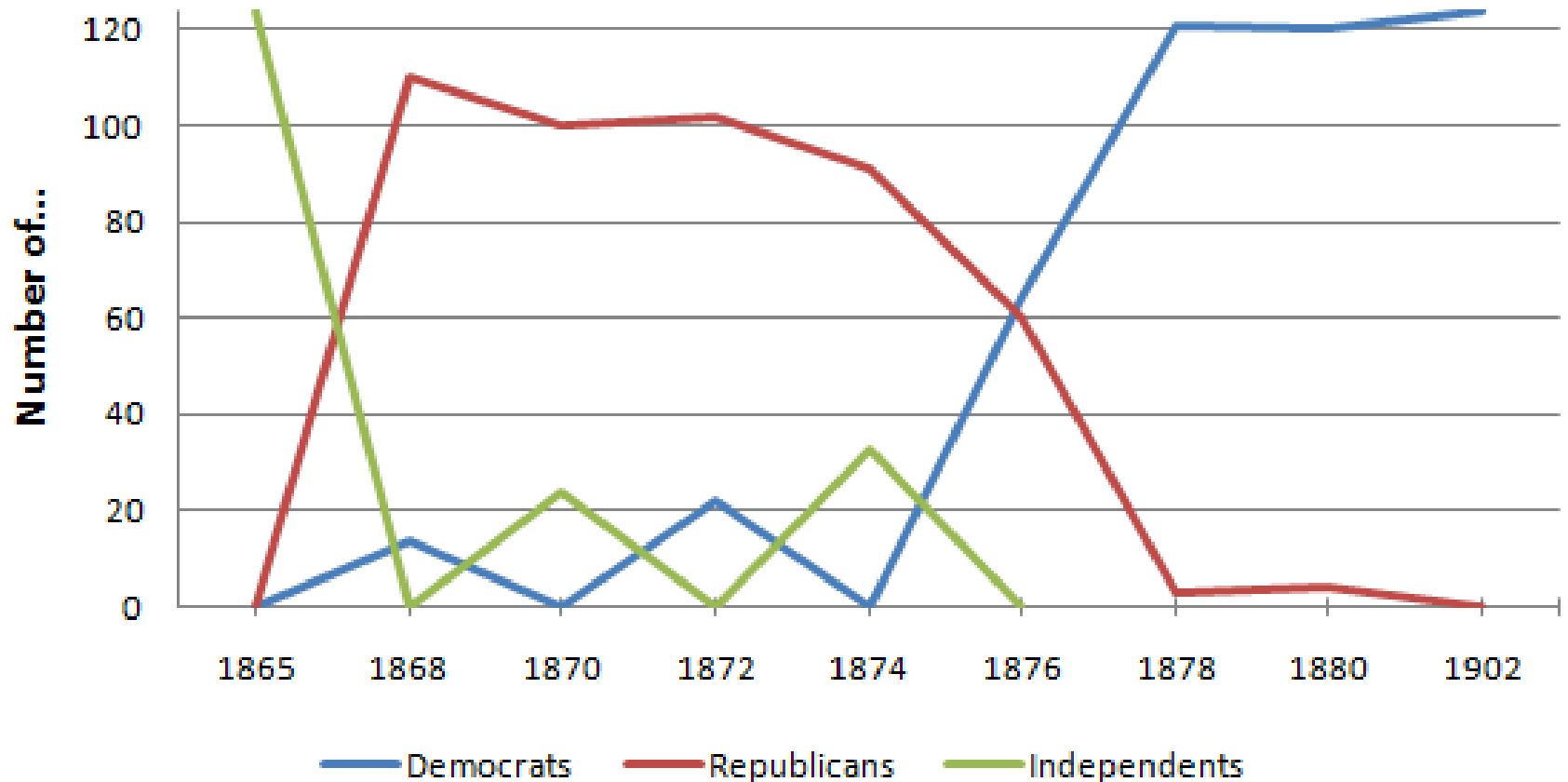


One-by-one, Southern state governments shifted from Republican control to the Democratic Party



These “Redeemer Democrats”
hoped to restore the “Old South”

South Carolina House of Representatives



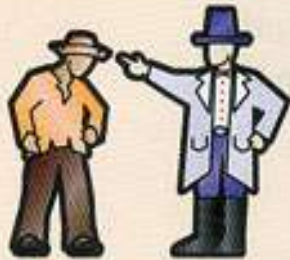
The Civil War ended slavery, but African-Americans had little job training or money for farm land

With few other options, most ex-slaves returned to the plantation to work



After the Civil War, slavery was replaced by sharecropping and tenant farming.

The Sharecropper Cycle of Poverty



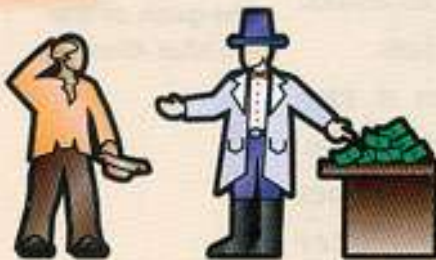
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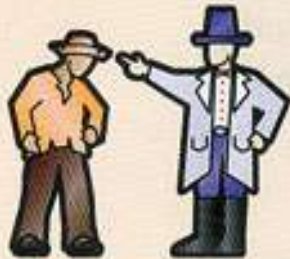
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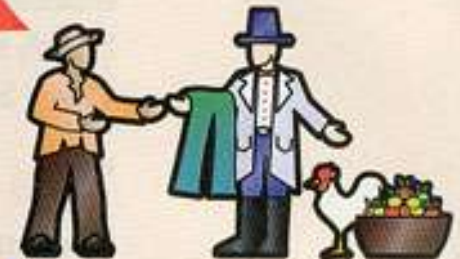
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White land owners would rent parcels of their fields to blacks in exchange for ½ to ¼ of the cotton they produced

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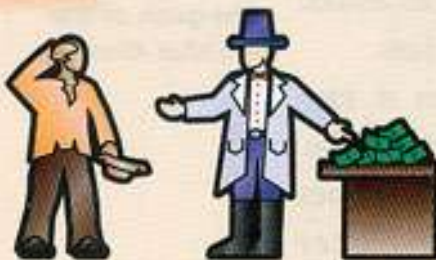
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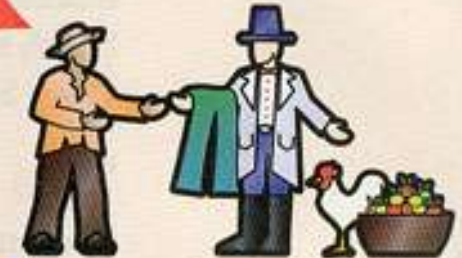
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But, sharecroppers had no money for tools or seeds so they **gained loans from the land owner in exchange for more of their cotton (crop lien system)**

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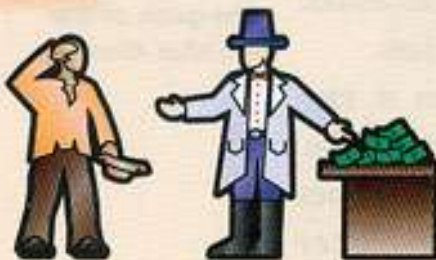
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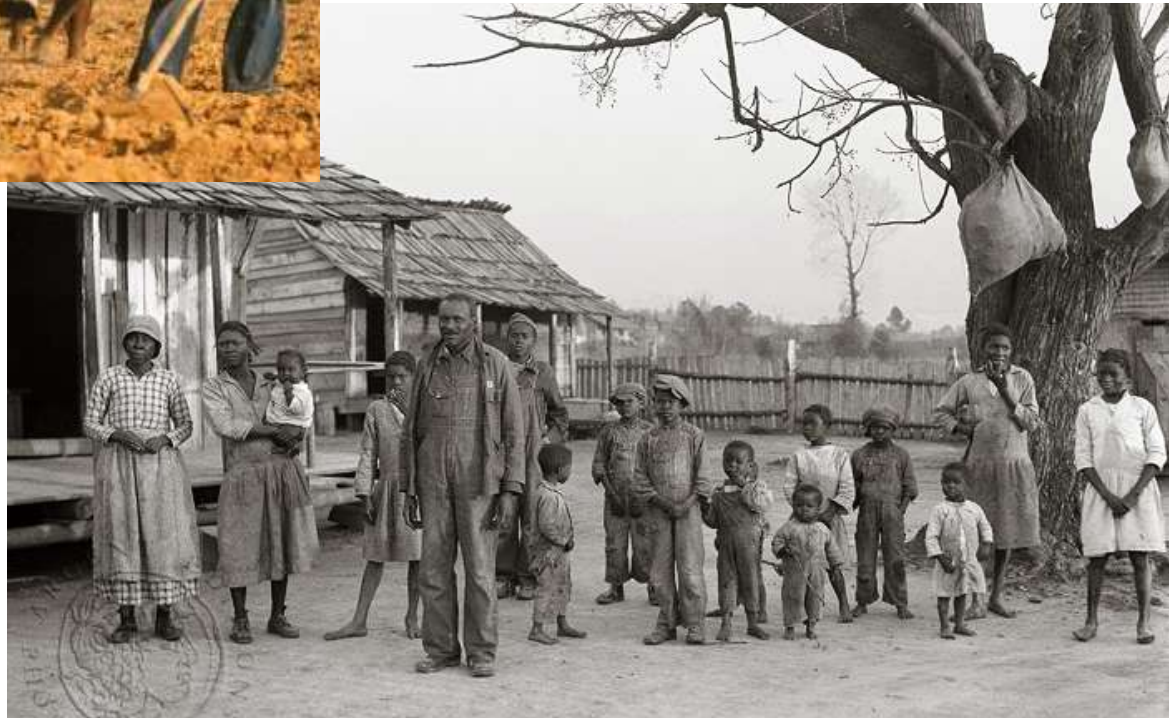


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By the end of 1865, most freedmen had returned to work on the same plantations on which they were previously enslaved



Sharecropping remained in place until the 1940s



Tenant farming was similar to sharecropping, **but tenants had money to rent supplies and land** and would avoid the cycle of sharecropping.

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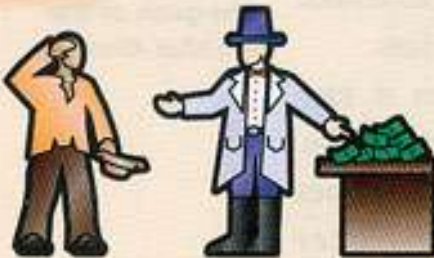
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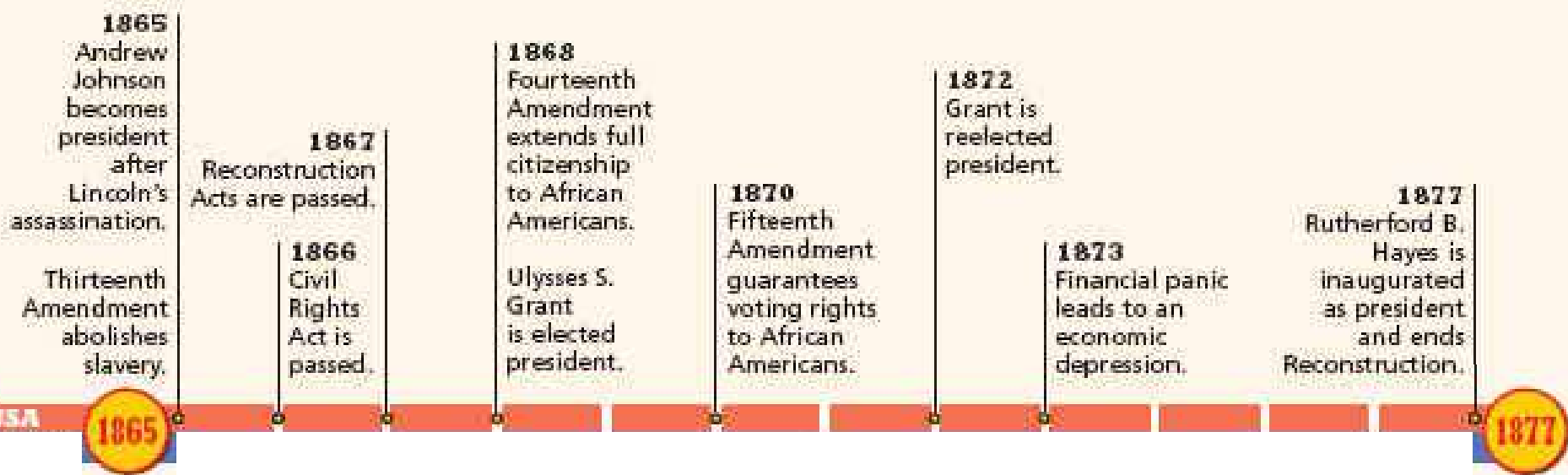
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By the mid-1870s, the Democratic Party returned to power in most Southern states

The only thing protecting blacks were federal troops



In the 1876 election, neither Democrat Tilden nor Republican Hayes won a majority of electoral vote

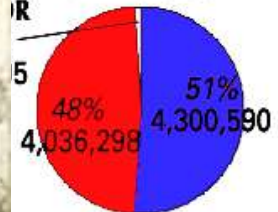
Republicans and Democrats in Congress agreed to the “Compromise of 1877” in which **Democrats agreed to vote for Hayes as president if federal troops were removed from the South**





Territories



ELECTORAL VOTE
TOTAL: 369



POPULAR VOTE
TOTAL: 8,430,783

Hayes) 
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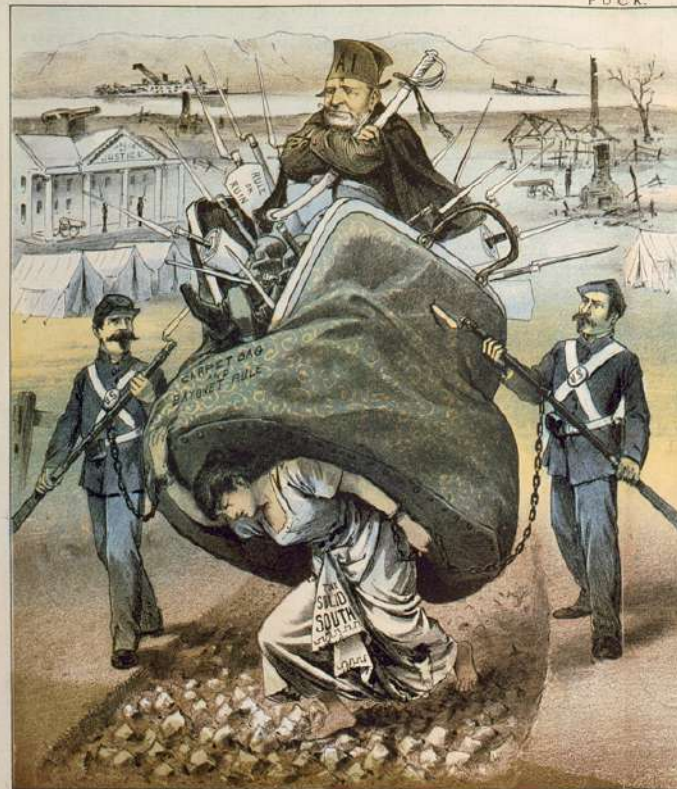
1873
Financial panic leads to an economic depression.

1877
Rutherford B. Hayes is inaugurated as president and ends Reconstruction.

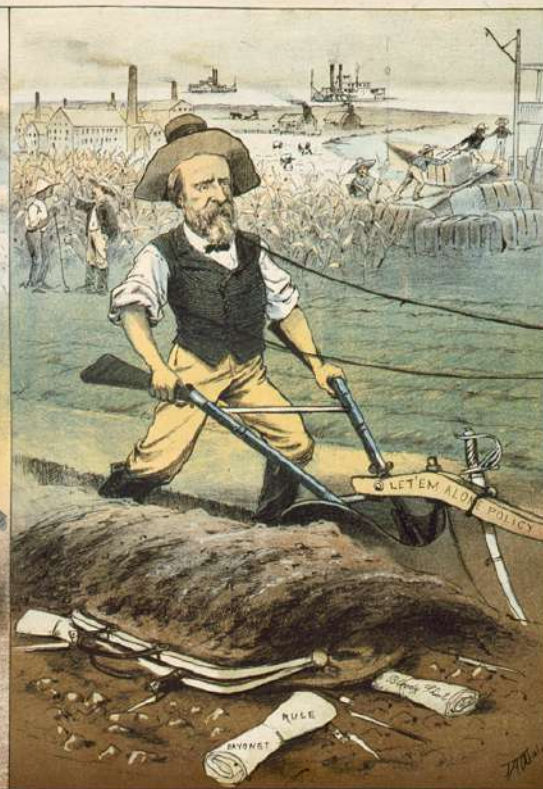
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THE "STRONG" GOVERNMENT 1869-1877.

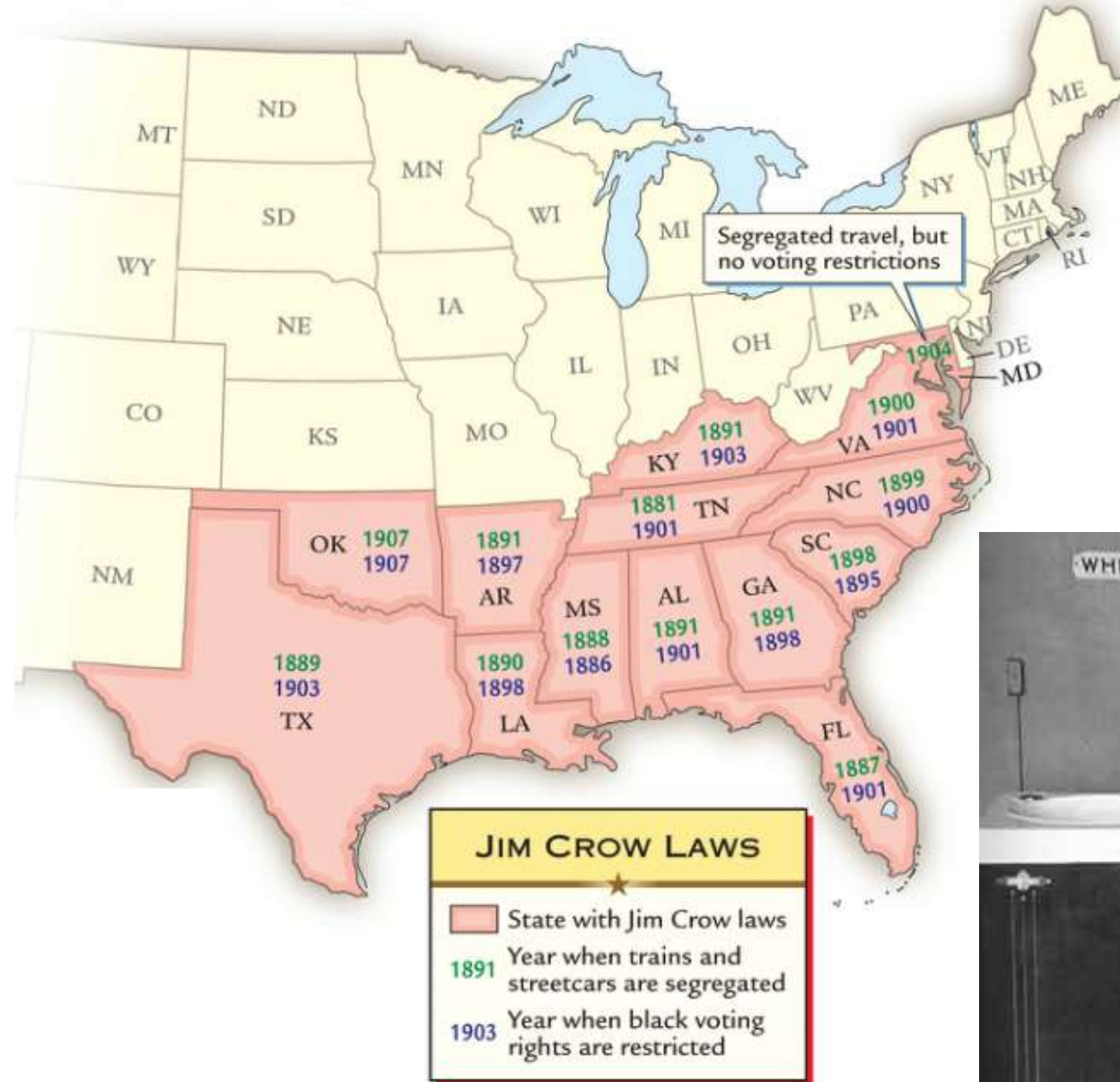


THE "WEAK" GOVERNMENT 1877-1881.

When President Hayes removed federal troops in 1877, Reconstruction officially ended

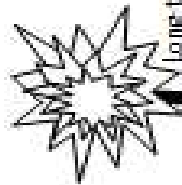
When Reconstruction ended, the Jim Crow era began (1877-1954)

Jim Crow laws segregated Southern society and restricted blacks from voting with poll taxes and literacy tests



Group Activity:

Grading Reconstruction Plans



long-term causes
of the Civil War:

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- 2.
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Immediate Cause of the Civil War:

TNT: Highly Explosive

Advantages When War Began

Union

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Confederacy

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War Strategy

Union

Confederacy

The Significance of Civil War Battles

1. Bull Run (1861)

2. Antietam (1862)

3. Gettysburg (1863)

4. Vicksburg (1863)

5. Atlanta (1864)

6. Appomattox (1865)

Key Civil War Leaders & Generals

Union

1. Abraham Lincoln

2. Ulysses Grant

3. William Sherman

Confederacy

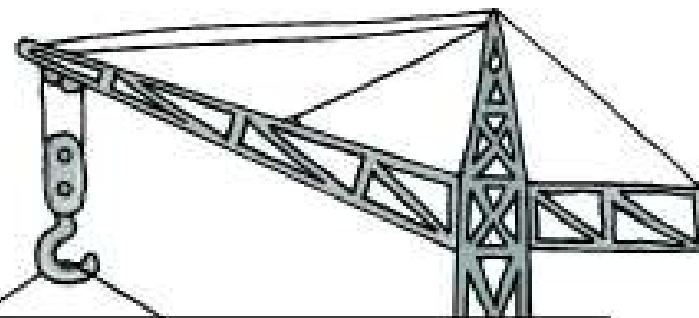
1. Jefferson Davis

2. Robert E. Lee

3. Stonewall Jackson

Problems in Need of "Reconstructing" After the Civil War

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2. CONSTRUCTION BLUEPRINT
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Protections of African Americans

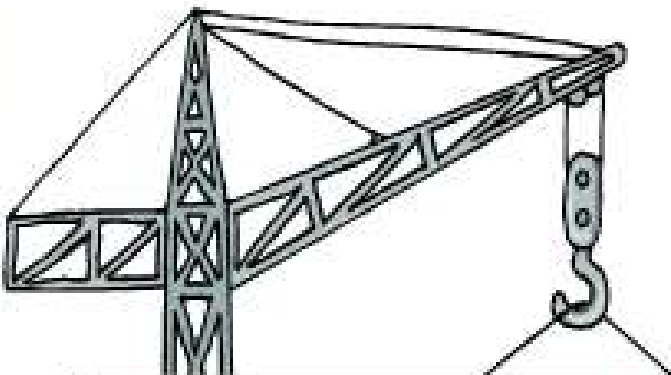
1. Freedman's Bureau
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4. 15th Amendment
5. Military Districts in the South

Presidential Reconstruction Plans (1865-1867)

Lincoln's Plan (Never Enacted)

Johnson's Plan (1865-1867)

Congressional (Radical Republicans) Plan (1867-1877)



Resistance to Reconstruction

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The End of Reconstruction

1. Compromise of 1877
2. Jim Crow Era (1877-1954)

