

## ■ Essential Question:

- What were the successes & failures of federal attempts to reconstruct the Union after the Civil War (1865-1877)?

## ■ Warm-Up Question:

- In groups, look at Report Card on Reconstruction & assign issues #1, #2, #3 a grade
- Be sure to explain your grades

# Reconstruction (1865-1877)

- During the era of Reconstruction after the Civil War, the federal government attempted to:

Bring the Southern states back into the Union

- Offer protections & rights to newly emancipated slaves
- Rebuild the nation & improve the economy after 4 years of fighting

## The Successes of Reconstruction:

What were the successes of federal attempts to reconstruct the South?

- 10 In groups, determine what the major successes of Reconstruction were by:
  - Examining 4 placards
  - Look at each image & then read the details on the back
  - Take notes in the chart provided



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- The Civil War ended slavery, but African-Americans had little job training or money for farm land
- The federal gov't proposed seizing plantations, dividing land, & offering slave families "*40 acres & a mule*"
  - But the gov't never enacted this plan (can't take citizens' property)
  - With few options, most ex-slaves returned to the plantation to work

# Failures of Reconstruction

- After the Civil War, slavery was replaced by sharecropping:
  - White land owners would “rent” parcels of their fields to blacks in exchange for their cotton
  - Sharecropping is also known as “tenant farming”
  - But, former slaves 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)

Sharecroppers are given small plots of land and seed by the landowners.

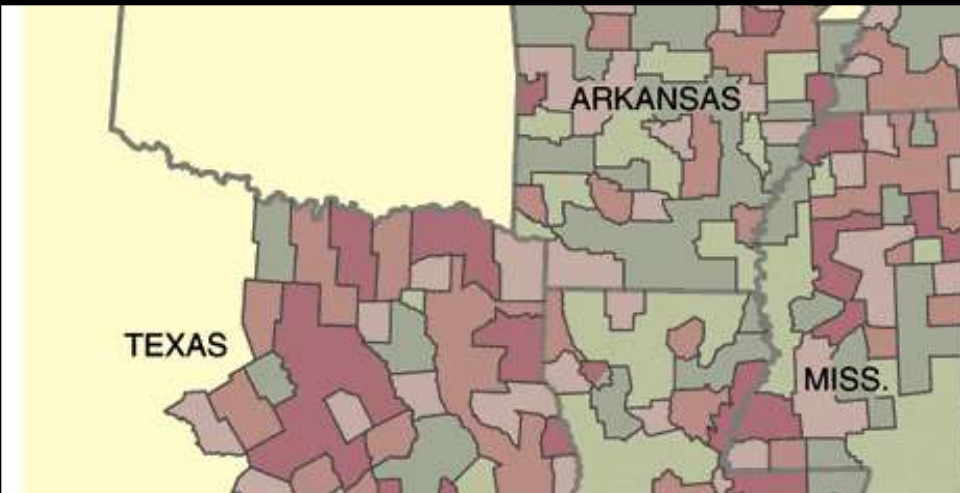


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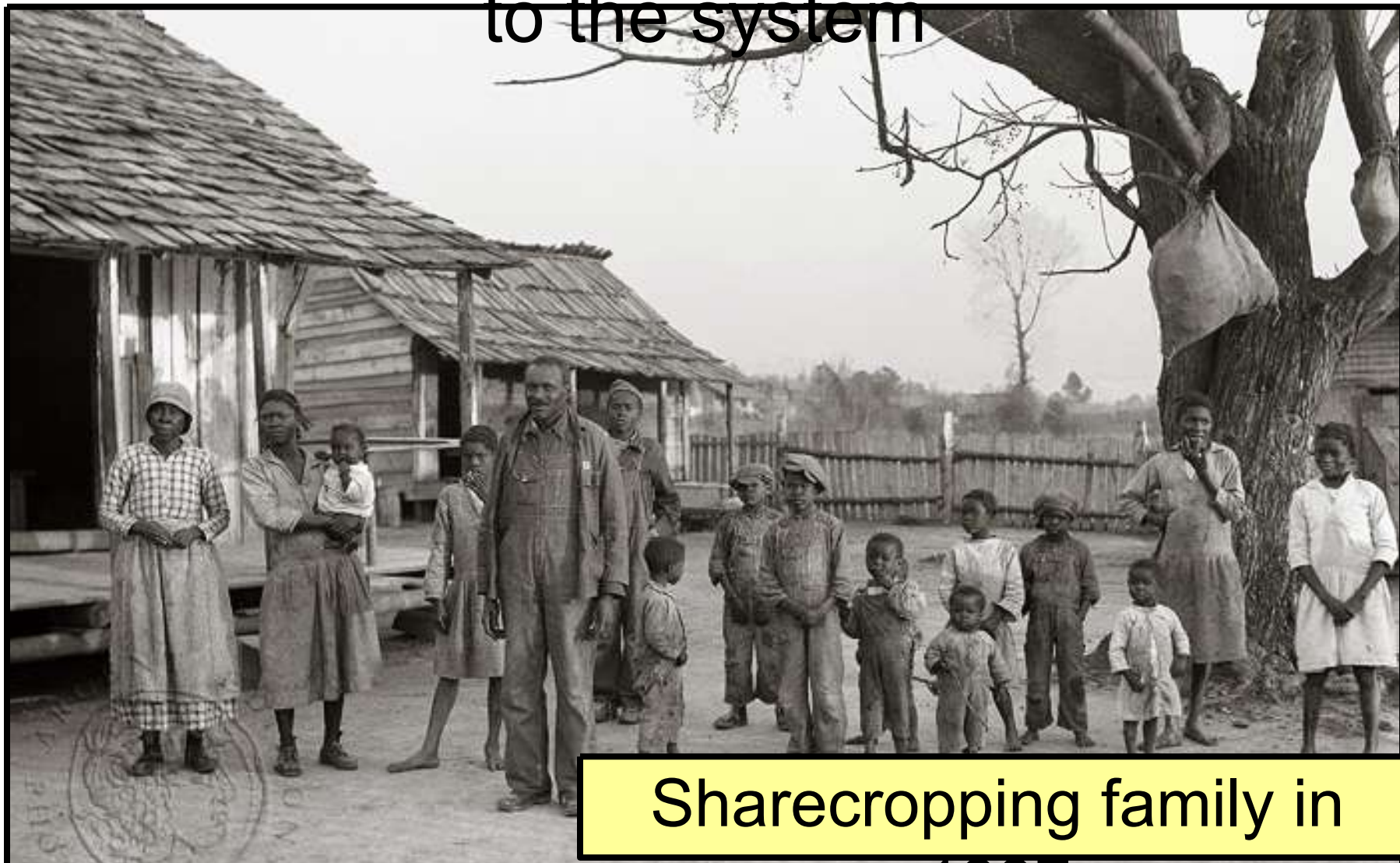
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By the end of 1865, most freedmen had returned to work on the same plantations on which they were previously enslaved



Sharecropping remained in place from the 1860s to the 1940s when the Great Depression & World War 2 brought an end to the system



Sharecropping family in

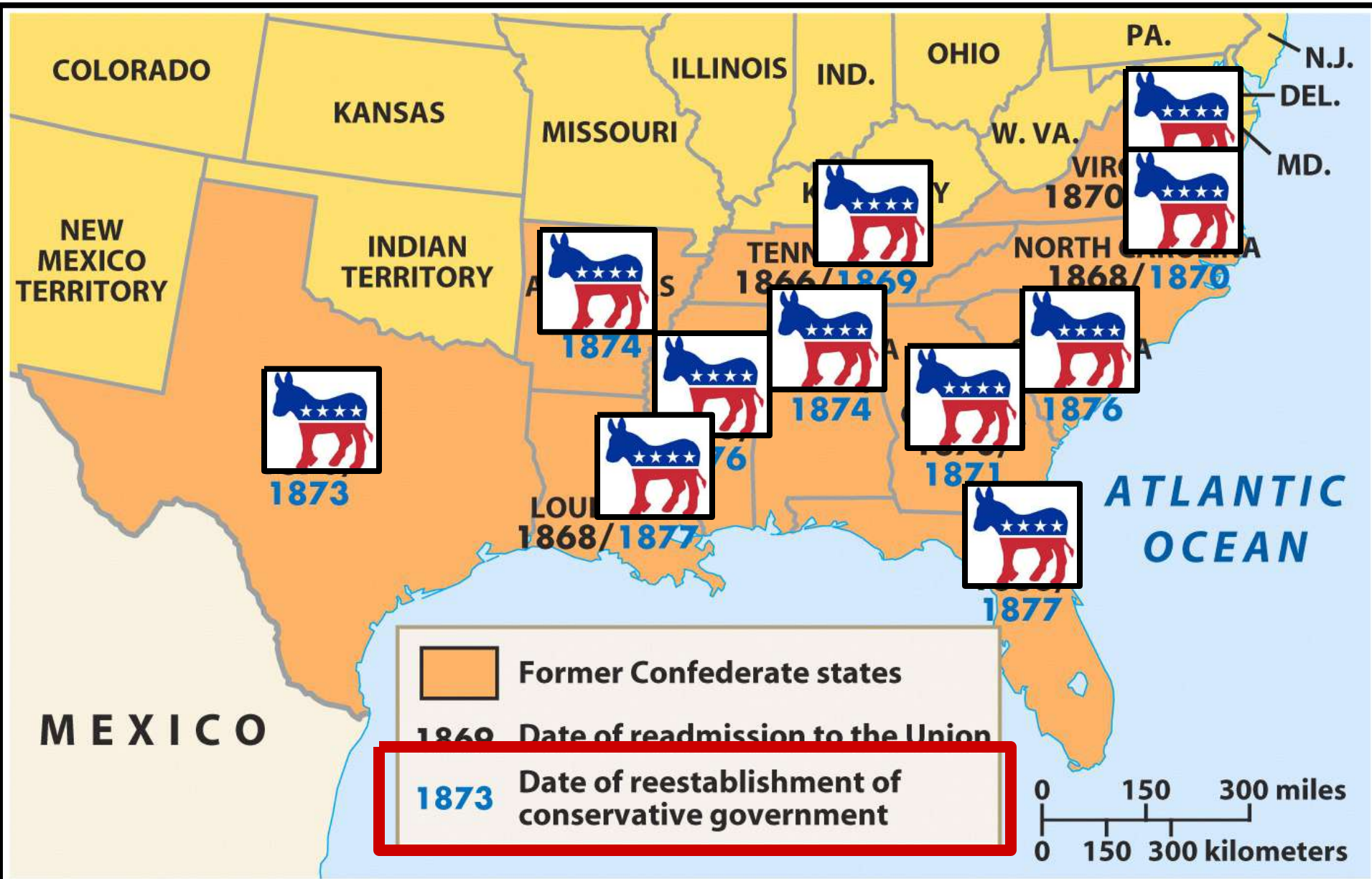
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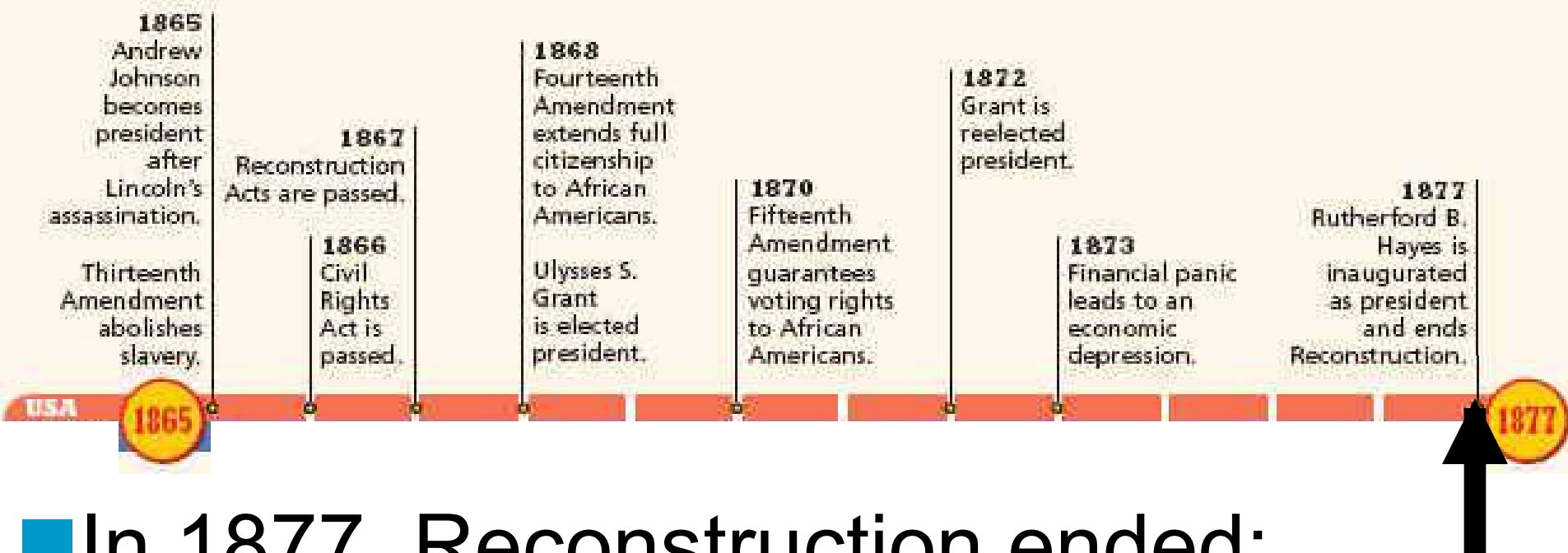
What were the failures of federal attempts to reconstruct the South?

⑩ In groups, determine what the major failures of Reconstruction were by:

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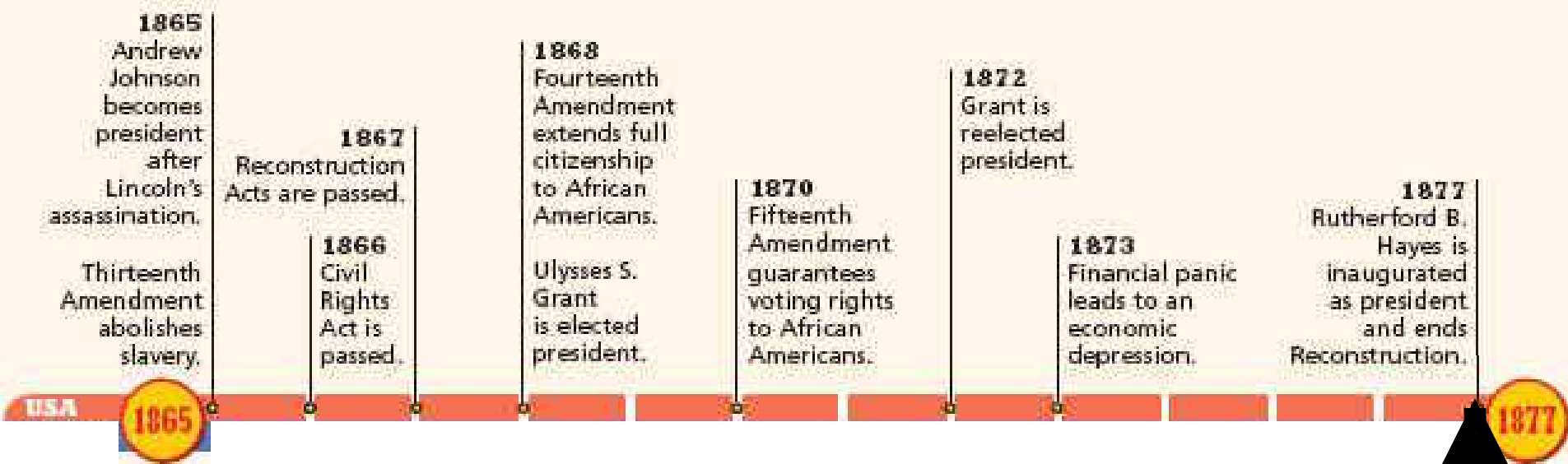
# The Rise of "Redeemer Democrats" in the South





## ■ In 1877, Reconstruction ended:

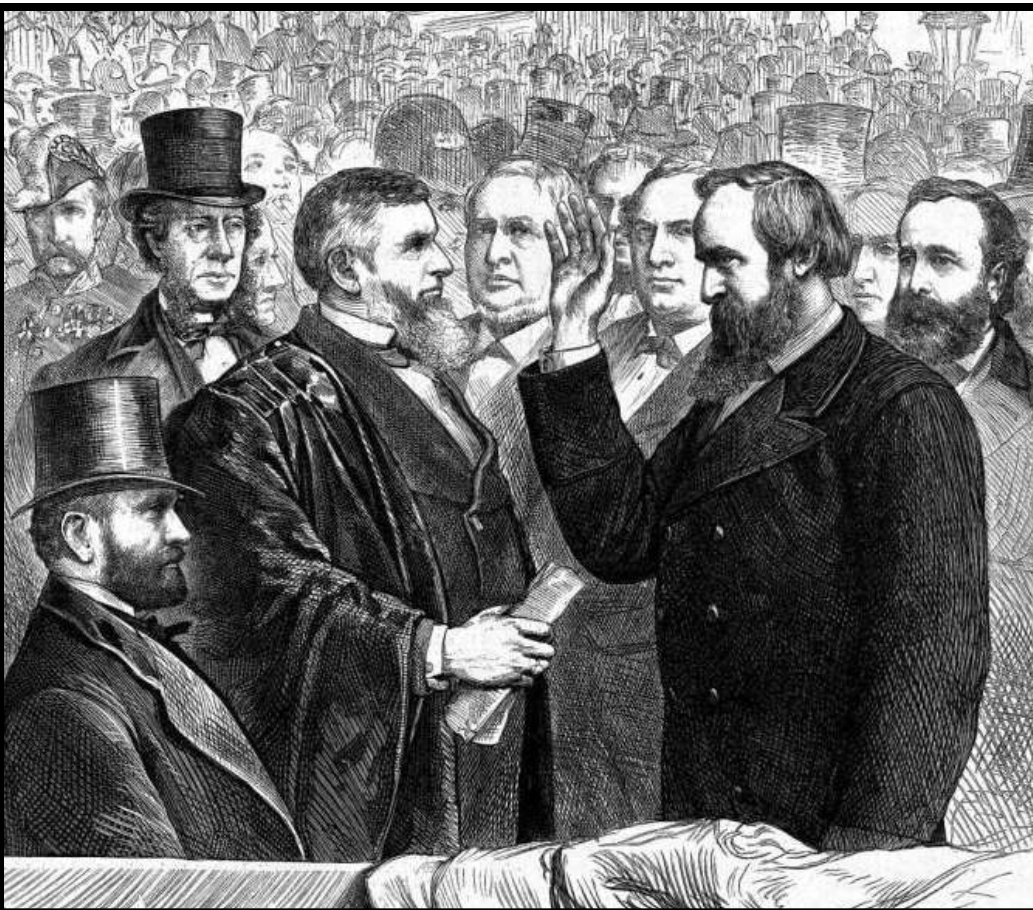
- The Democratic Party returned to power in all 11 Southern states
- The only thing protecting blacks were federal troops; but by 1875, Grant had stopped sending reinforcements



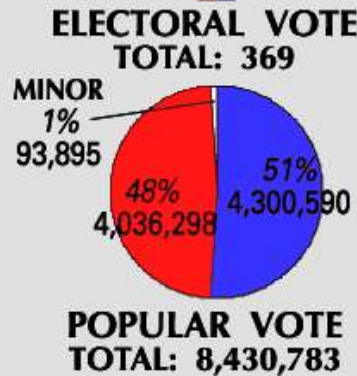
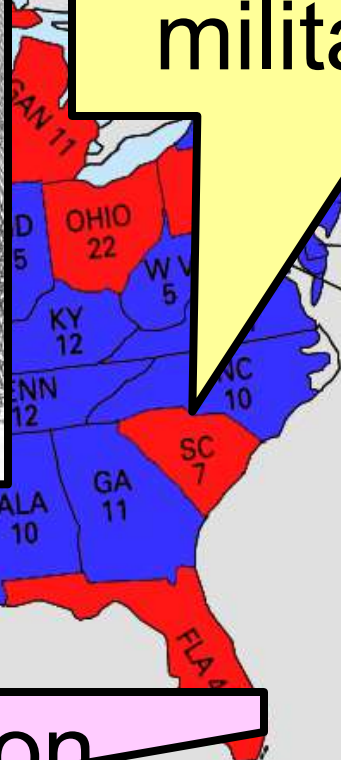
■ The “Compromise of 1877”:

- In the 1876 election, neither Democrat Tilden nor Republican Hayes won a majority of electoral vote
- Democrats in Congress agreed to vote for Hayes if the remaining federal troops were withdrawn from the South





President Hayes removed federal troops & ended military zones



Reconstruction officially ended in 1877

Republican (Hayes)   
Democratic (Tilden) 

 Territories

## Jim Crow Era (1877 to 1954)

- With Reconstruction over, the Jim Crow era began (1877-1954)
  - Jim Crow laws, such as literacy tests (reading requirements) & poll taxes (fees to vote) kept African-Americans from voting
  - Grandfather clauses allowed poor whites to avoid these laws & vote
- In Plessy v Ferguson (1896), the Supreme Court said segregation was OK (“separate but equal”)

# “Jim Crow” South from 1877 to 1954

