

The Freedmen's Bureau

Objective

- By the end of the lesson, SWBAT explain the purpose of the Freedmen's Bureau
- By the end of the lesson, SWBAT explain what services the Freedmen's Bureau offered.

South After the Civil War

- The South was destroyed by the Civil War.
- Cities were burned down.
- Plantations were destroyed by all of the fighting.

The South After the Civil War



Ex-Slaves

- The Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment gave the slaves their freedom!

The Slaves are Free!

- Yay! The slaves are free!
- However....
- Did the slaves now have homes?
- Did the slaves now have a job?
- Did the slaves now have a way to get medicine if they are sick?

The Ex-Slaves

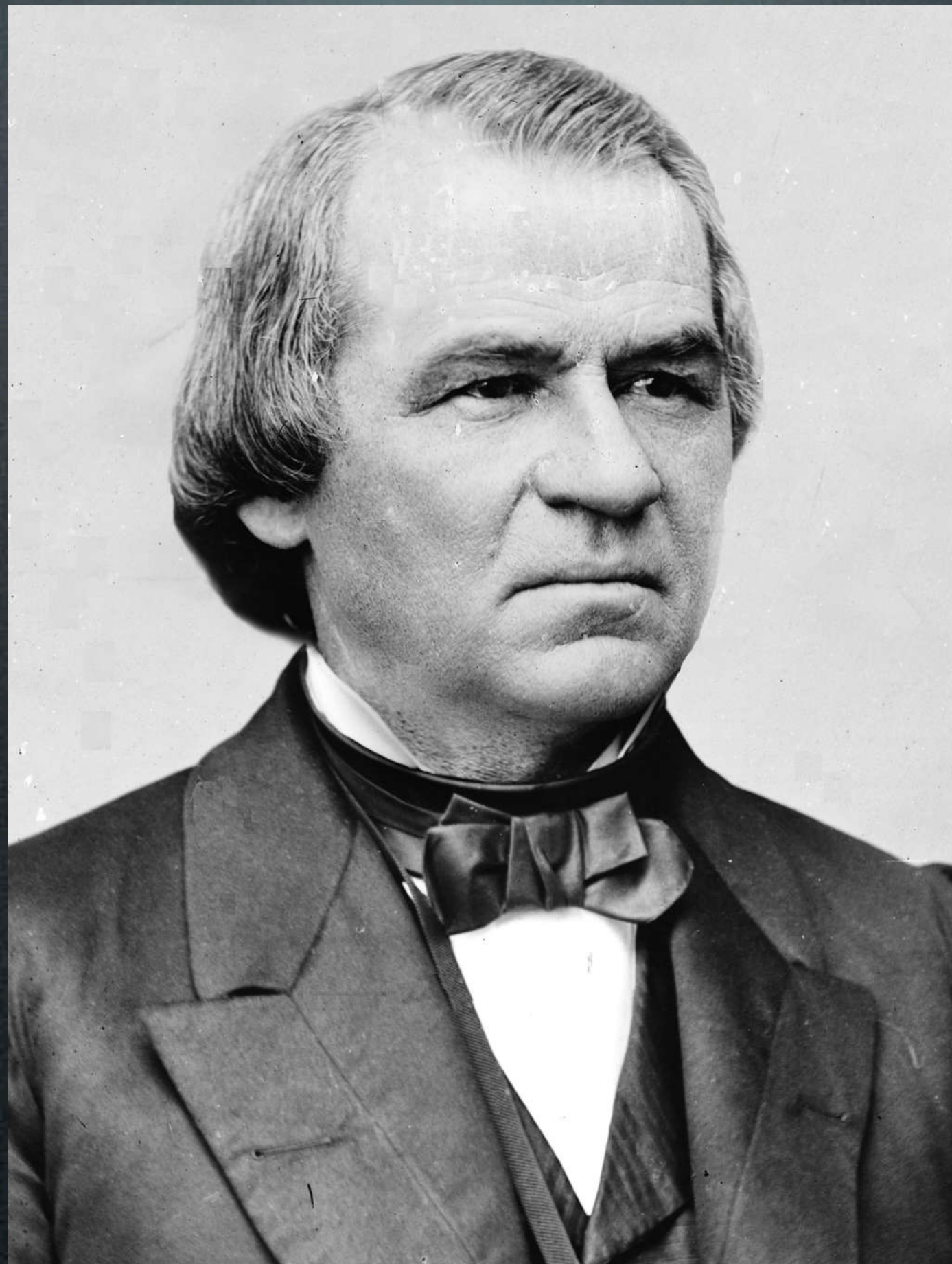
- Did the slaves have any of those things?

• NO!

So what would you do if
you were part of the U.S.
Government and in charge
of solving this problem?

The Freedman's Bureau

- President of the United States Andrew Johnson decided to help the freed slaves by setting up the Freedmen's Bureau.



Freedman's Bureau

- The Freedmen's Bureau was a government organization set up to help freed slaves get an **education, job, healthcare,** and the **skills** needed to start a new life!

The Freedman's Bureau

- Break it down!
- **Freed** - meaning not in slavery anymore
- **Men** - people
- Together it means **people that are not in slavery anymore!**

Freedman's Bureau

- The Freedmen's Bureau helped a lot of former slaves.

Freedman's Bureau

- The Freedmen's Bureau was part of **Reconstruction**.
- **Reconstruction** was the rebuilding of the South after the **Civil War!**

Freedman's Bureau - Healthcare

- The Freedmen's Bureau tried to set up new hospitals and clinics to help those people that were sick.
- Many former slaves needed a doctor because they went their whole lives without getting any medicine for bad health problems.



Jobs

- The Freedmen's Bureau also helped former slaves get jobs.
- Former slaves did not have jobs because they were now free from their plantations.
- They needed jobs to support their families!

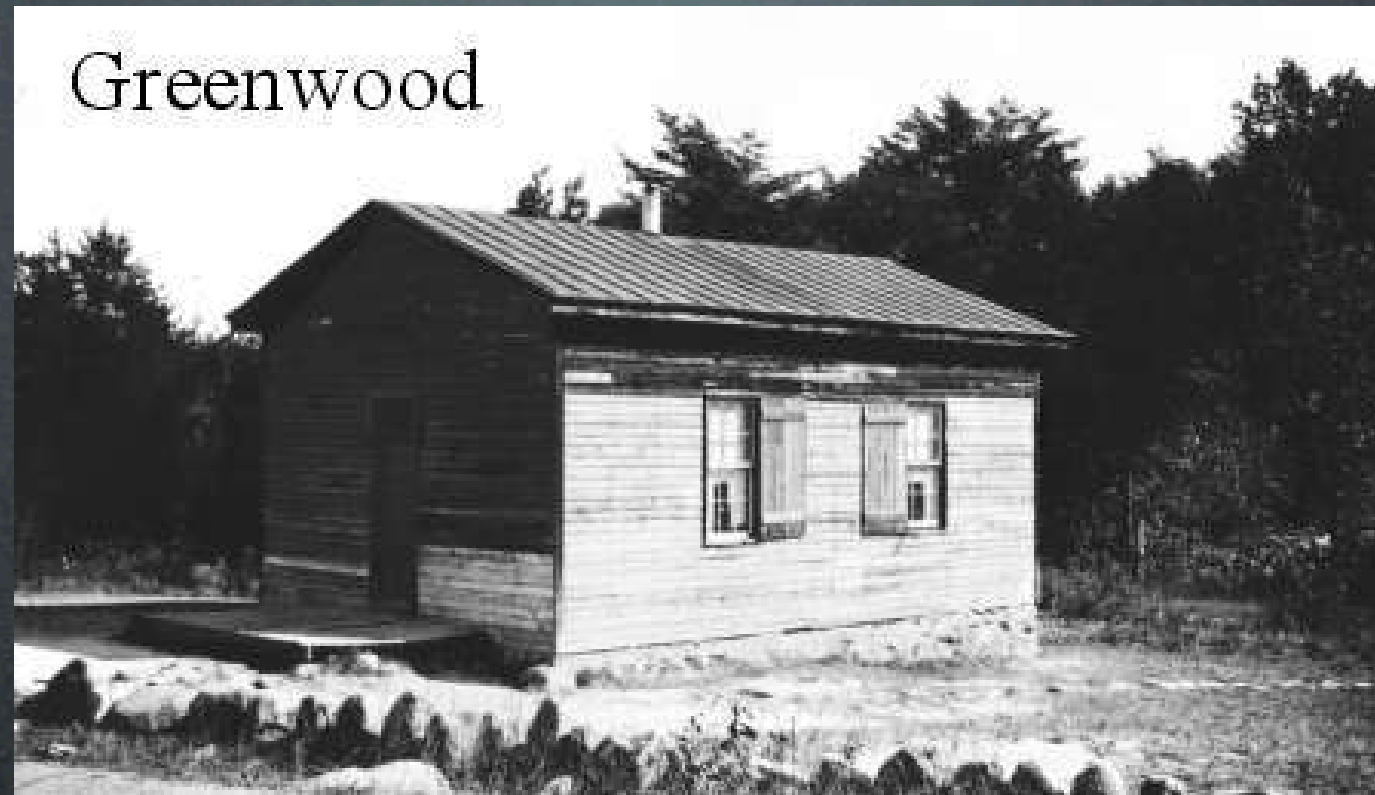
Freedmen's Bureau Jobs



Education

- The Freeman's Bureau also helped build schools for African Americans and former slaves.
- These schools were very important because a lot of African Americans did not know how to read, or do any math!

Education



- One of the first schools for African Americans built by the Freedmen's Bureau.

Project

- You are working for the Freedmen's Bureau.
- Design a poster that advertises to freed slaves all of the ways that the Freedmen's Bureau can help them!
- Remember former slaves cannot read that well so make sure they will understand your poster.