Reconstruction Online Reading Assignment **Name_____ Period_____**

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1. What were the three Constitutional Amendments that passed in the years after the Civil War? What did each one do?

2. How did President Andrew Johnson's views on Reconstruction differ from the Radical Republicans in Congress?

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3. Why did President Lincoln choose Andrew Johnson as his Vice President in the Presidential Election of 1864?

4. Give some examples of the types of things that happened in southern states under President Andrew Johnson's lenient version of Reconstruction.

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5. What were two important beliefs held by the Radical Republicans in Congress? (This is found in the opening paragraph of the section.)

6. Who were the leaders of the Radical Republicans in Congress?

7. Look at the picture next to the 3rd paragraph. What important office was Hiram Revels elected to serve?

8. When President Johnson vetoed the Civil Rights Act of 1866, how did the Republicans in Congress respond?

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9. In the spring of 1868, President Johnson was impeached by the House of Representatives. This means charges were brought against the President. The next step was a trial in the Senate.

A. To remove a sitting President, a _____ majority must vote to convict.

B. The Senate fell _____ vote short of convicting President Johnson and removing him from office.

10. How many years would pass before another American president was impeached by the House of Representatives? Which American president was it?

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11. Describe some of the ways that life got better for formerly enslaved people in the South during Reconstruction. (Focus on the political and economic gains.)

12. White southerners formed hate groups like the KKK during this time period. What were some of the methods used by these groups to oppress the rights of African Americans living in the South?

Go to Google and look up the "Compromise of 1877"

13. In the very disputed Presidential Election of 1876, a political deal was cut between northern Republicans and southern Democrats.

A. Who was declared the winner of the presidential election?

B. What happened to Northern troops who were occupying the southern states and enforcing civil rights laws?

C. Once the troops were withdrawn from the southern states, what happened to the rights of African Americans living in the South?

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