

AP US HISTORY:

Summer Assignment list:

1. Textbook questions (Ch 22)
2. Documentary Analysis
3. Brief concluding essay

#1: The American Pageant: Ch 22 "The Ordeal of Reconstruction":

- Read the chapter and answer the following in sufficient detail
 - Include for each answer your response and a direct quote from the text (indicating page number) that provides supportive detail and/or descriptive analysis.
1. What were the **major problems** faced by the South and the nation following the Civil War?



2. The text's authors state "There was a variety of responses to emancipation" within the black community (p. 475). Explain what this means, and in your answer refer to :

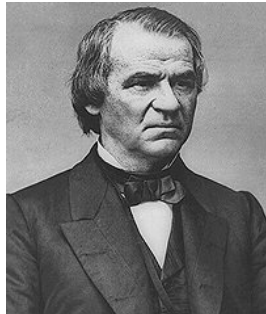
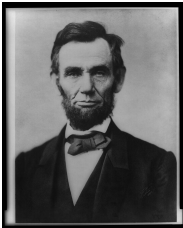
Black Migration	
Church influence	
Education	

3. What were the achievements of the **Freedmen's Bureau**?

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4. What was meant by the term “**forty acres and a mule**” ?(look it up, it’s not in the text...stick to the Reconstruction Era policy) Who suggested it, and *why* was it rejected?

5. What positive qualities does the author identify in regard to **Andrew Johnson**?



First to.... worst?

6. How did **Republicans differ** in their approach to Reconstruction?

7. In regard to the **Black Codes**: Identify the general goal of these codes, and provide two examples.

Goals:
Example 1:
Example 2:

8. How is the system of “**sharecropping**” described? (p. 481)

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9. Why did some angry and frustrated northerners cry out “**Who won the war?!**” (Include specific detail (p. 485))

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10. What was Andrew Johnson’s **“Swing Around the Circle”**, why did he do it, and what were the results?

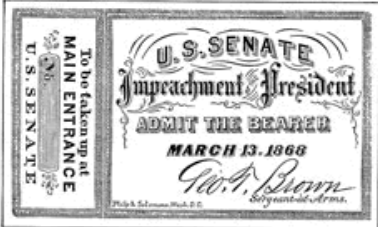
11. What is meant by the author’s use of the phrase **“Reconstruction by the sword”**?

12. Why did **women campaign *against*** the 14th Amendment?!

13. What was the purpose of the **Union League**, and how did black participation in politics change between 1868-1876?

14. How did southern whites **undermine black efforts**? (p. 493-494)

15. What does **impeachment** mean (not in chapter)? Why and by whom was Andrew Johnson impeached? What was the result in the Senate trial? What were the short term (involving AJ) and long-term (regarding the presidency) consequences?

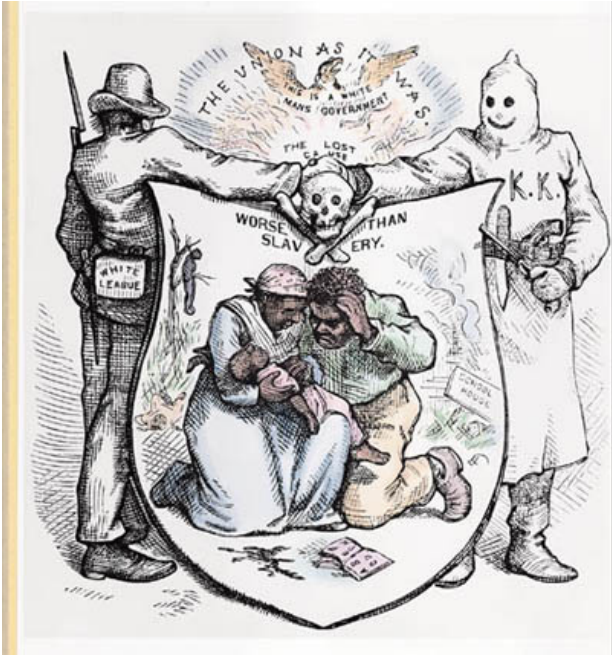


Define:
Reasons:
Senate Trial result:

Short term:
Long term:

16. The authors state that the south was “**more resurrected than reconstructed**”....What do you think this means? Provide examples.

17. What commentary is being made by **cartoonist Thomas Nast** in this illustration? How could anything be “worse than slavery”?



18. Evaluate your understanding of the *successes* and *failures* of *Reconstruction* after the American Civil War by completing the chart below. Below the chart, in a few sentences, explain what you think the **great lessons** or **enduring understandings** are that we can learn from this period of history

Successes	Failures

#2 Documentaries:

Ken Burns' Civil War:

- View the excerpt “Was it Not Real” (5 minutes)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0MmfgEZnaE>

What observations or conclusions are mentioned, and what do you think historian Barbara Fields meant when she said “the war can still be lost”?

Response:

Amend: The Fight for America (Netflix)

- This is a 6 part series that is described as “an exploration of the Fourteenth Amendment as the most enduring hallmark of democracy in the United States”.
- If you have access to Netflix, or if you are able to maybe...go to a friend’s house...we would like to **view the first 2 episodes**...(if you are unable to view it, there will be no loss of credit)..about 55 minutes each
- For each, highlight 6-8 facts and/or points that you found of interest, as well as a brief summary of your “takeaway” form the episode

Part 1: *Citizen*

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Part 2: Resistance

#3 Essay of two paragraphs: try to focus on direction prompt of “evaluating the extent”.....

Evaluate the extent to which the ratification of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution marked a turning point in the history of United States politics and society.