

Reconstruction

Did the North really win?

Goals/Problems to tackle

- The literal rebuilding of the South
- Emancipation: enforcement, how to deal with freedmen

Failures

- Black Codes
- Sharecropping and tenant farming
- Former Confederate leaders sent back to Congress
- Government does not provide promised “40 Acres and a Mule”; pardoned confederates reclaim their land
- Rise of the Ku Klux Klan

Accomplishments

- 13th Amendment (1865)
- Freedmen's Bureau (1865-1872)
- Civil Rights Bill (1866): protects African American citizenship
- 14th Amendment (1866): establishes definition for citizenship, req. for entry back into the Union
- 15th Amendment (1870): universal male suffrage
- AA political power: Union League, representation in Congress (1868-1875: 14 AA in HOR, 2 in Senate)