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***HI 201 – Work to be done....***

**Article 4 due – 7 DEC**

**Review Session – 4-6 pm. Library 11 DEC**

**Final Exam – 12 DEC**

## *Chapter 15 – Reconstruction 1865-77*

### **Setting the Stage for Reconstruction**

#### **The South in Shambles**

**25% of white males are war dead**

**wealth destroyed**

**“Save your Confederate Money”**

**half of southern “wealth” was value of slaves**

**Infrastructure worn out or destroyed**

# *The Making of Radical Reconstruction*

## Presidential Reconstruction

Based on the Lincoln's outline for restoring southern states

**10% Plan:** State reintegrated into the Union when 10% of the 1860 vote count from that state had taken an oath of allegiance and pledged to abide by emancipation (*LA, TN, AR in 1864*)

*Wade-Davis Bill (pocket vetoed by Lincoln) required 50% to take “ironclad oath.”*

never voluntarily borne arms against the United States;  
voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto;  
have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office;  
that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto.  
And support and defend the Constitution of the United States...

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Northern vengeance and Southern fears

***A loyal negro is more worthy than a disloyal white man***

## *Northern Vengeance & Southern fears*

### **Black Codes**

Greatly restricts freedoms of African-Americans

Similar to restrictions on pre-war free black men

Generates significant Radical Republican back-lash

Voided by Civil Rights Act of 1866

Resolved by passage of 14th Amendment (ratified 1868)

**Citizenship Clause** provides a broad definition of citizenship that overruled *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857)

**Due Process Clause** prohibits state and local governments from depriving persons of life, liberty, or property without certain steps being taken to ensure fairness.

**Equal Protection Clause** requires each state to provide equal protection under the law to all people within its jurisdiction. This clause was the basis for *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954).

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## **Impeachment of Andrew Johnson**

**Feb 1868 (election year)**

**Violation Tenure of Office Act (1867-1887)  
(law was referred to as unconstitutional in 1926)**

*Johnson wanted fast reconstruction but blocked by Congress*

*Johnson could check Reconstruction Act through use of Dept. of War*

*Sec. of War Edwin Stanton was Radical Republican so Pres. Johnson removes him from office*

*Impeachment vote was 1 vote short of 2/3rds*



## *The Ending of Reconstruction*

### **Election of U. S. Grant**

Readmit: VA, MS, TX in 1869

Creates Department of Justice and Solicitor General (represents Federal Government before the U. S. Supreme Court)

15th Amendment

Force Act of 1871 (the KKK Act)

**Section 1.** The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

**Section 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## *The Ending of Reconstruction*

### **Panic of 1873**

**Lasts 5 years**

**Wages depressed by 25%**

**Unemployment rises to 14%**

**Republicans blamed for Panic.**

**This along with variety of corruption scandals swings support to Democrats**

**Rutherford B. Hayes losses popular vote but wins the Electoral College 185-184, but 20+ votes are highly disputed**

**Compromise (Bargain) of 1877 results in Democrats not protesting election and Federal Troops being withdrawn from the former Confederate States.**

*Next Time... One Last Exam*

