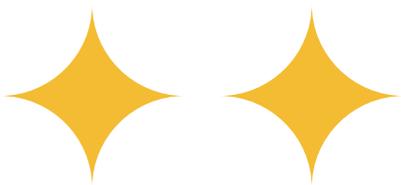




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# Civil War Reconstruction



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# Introduction

Much of the Southern United States was destroyed during the Civil war. Farms and plantations were burned down and their crops destroyed.

Also, many people had Confederate money which was now worthless and the local governments were in disarray. The South needed to be rebuilt.

**That's when the Reconstruction Era started....!!**

The rebuilding of the South after the Civil War is called the Reconstruction. The Reconstruction lasted from 1865 to 1877.

The purpose of the Reconstruction was to help the South become a part of the Union again. Federal troops occupied much of the South during the Reconstruction to ensure that laws were followed and that another uprising did not occur.

# Major Events

Many people wanted the South to be punished for trying to leave the Union. Other people, however, wanted to forgive the South and let the healing of the nation begin. Abraham Lincoln wanted to be lenient to the South and take it easy for southern states to rejoin the Union.

President Lincoln was assassinated at the end of the Civil War, however, and never had the chance to implement his Reconstruction plan.

To help with the Reconstruction and to protect the rights of all people, three amendments were added to the US Constitution

**13th Amendment** - Outlawed slavery

**14th Amendment** - Said that black people were citizens of the United States and that all people were protected equally by the law.

**15th Amendment** - Gave all male citizens the right to vote regardless of race.

# End

The Reconstruction officially ended under the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877. He removed the federal troops from the South and the state governments took over. Unfortunately, many of the changes to equal rights were immediately reversed.

# Interesting Facts

Nearly 1/3rd of Union Army comprised of immigrants. The most numerous were Germans who were 10% of the total strength.

Union confiscated Robert E Lee's estate during the war and turned it into a cemetery. It is known today as Arlington National Cemetery.

Both Union and Confederate armies did not allow women to be recruited. However, 250 to 400 women fought the war 'disguised' as men.

By the time General Lee surrendered, Confederate currency had tremendously depreciated. It took 1200 Confederate dollars to buy 1 US dollar.



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