

# ***Black Codes***

- ***Laws that severely limited the rights of Freedmen or African-Americans.***
- ***Created laws that were difficult to follow.***
  - ***Punishment would be imprisonment and forced labor - Slavery by another name.***
  - ***Keep African-Americans from gaining power and/or equality.***

# *Reconstruction Act of 1867*

- *Congress takes over Reconstruction – cancels the Johnson Plan*
- *Threw out state governments – had to be recreated with a new Constitution.*
- *Must ratify the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.*
- *African-Americans must be allowed to vote.*
- *Created five military districts – martial law – in the South.*
- *Congress is afraid Johnson won't enforce the laws.*

# *Johnson is Impeached*

- *Impeach – to bring formal charges of wrongdoing against an elected official*
  - *High crimes and misdemeanors.*
  - *Worst punishment – removal from office.*
- *Johnson was not enforcing laws, wasn't doing what Congress wanted – Is this a high crime or misdemeanor?*

# *The Trial*

- *Johnson is found NOT GUILTY.*
- *One vote short of removing him from office.*
- *Would have given Congress too much power over the President.*
- *Johnson does not run for reelection.*
- *1868 – Ulysses S. Grant becomes President.*

# ***13th Amendment***

- ***Outlaws slavery and indentured servitude in the United States and all of its territories.***

# **14th Amendment**

- ***All people born in the U.S. are citizens.***
- ***All citizens are guaranteed equal protection under the law.***
- ***If a state tries to take away the right to vote, its representation in Congress will be reduced.***
- ***People who violated their oath of loyalty may not hold office.***
- ***All states must pay the debt for the war.***
- ***The U.S. is not responsible for property or slaves lost as a result of the rebellion.***

# ***15th Amendment***

- *A citizen can not be denied the right to vote based on race, creed, color, religion, or previous condition of servitude.*
- *What/who is missing?*
- *All of these Amendments are enforceable by Congress.*