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Unit 1: Reconstruction

Overview: The Civil War was the deadliest war in American history. It had a huge impact on all aspects of life in the United States. In this unit we will look at the effects of the Civil War and examine how the United States changed as a result.

Vocabulary and Terms:

1) 13th Amendment assassination Freedmen's Bureau

Reconstruction amnesty

2) radical Black Codes 14th Amendment

Impeach 15th Amendment

3) sharecropping segregation reactionary

Poll tax Plessy vs. Ferguson carpetbagger

Ku Klux Klan Jim Crow Laws scalawag

Essential Questions:

- 1) How did the Civil War affect the Southern United States long into the twentieth century?
- 2) How did the lives of African Americans change during Reconstruction?
- 3) How did the "old South" re-emerge during Reconstruction and afterwards?
- 4) How did the assassination of President Lincoln hurt the South?
- 5) What systems and laws emerged in order to recreate slavery?
- 6) How does the period of Reconstruction show us the power of democracy?
- 7) How is the period of Reconstruction an example of the system of checks and balances?
- 8) Why did Reconstruction come to an end and was it successful?
- 9) How did the Southern economy change following the Civil War?

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GR 1-1 Directions - As you read pages 552 - 557 answer the following questions. Your answers should be in the
form of a complete sentence. This means restate the question in your answer and do not use pronouns (he, she, it, they, etc.). Write the page number where you found the answer.
1) How long did Reconstruction last?
2) What was one cause of economic problems in the South after the war?
3) What city was the capital of the Confederacy?
4) What was General Sherman's plan to help the former slaves and punish Southern landowners?
5) When was the Thirteenth Amendment ratified?
6) What political party did President Andrew Johnson belong to?
7) What was the most important service the Freedmen's Bureau gave to former slaves and eventually poor whites?

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<u>GR 1-2</u>
<u>Directions-</u> Read pages 558-563 in the textbook and answer the following questions. Answers should be in the form of a complete sentence. Write the page number where you found your answer.
1) Who were the two leaders of the Radical Republicans in Congress?
2) What fear led Congress to propose the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution?
3) What part of the Fourteenth Amendment give Congress a power usually reserved for the executive branch?
4) How many military districts were created as a result of the Reconstruction Acts?
5) Whose firing led to the impeachment of President Johnson?
6) What groups of people were not covered by the Fifteenth Amendment?

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<u>Directions -</u> Read 564-571 and complete the questions below. Answers should be in the form of a

complete sentence. Write the page number where you found your answers. 1) How many African-Americans were elected to Congress during Reconstruction? 2) Whose Senate seat did Hiram Revels take over? 3) In what state was the Ku Klux Klan originally created? 4) What law allowed former Confederates to hold office and help bring an end to Reconstruction? 5) Which Presidential candidate had the most popular votes in the election of 1876? 6) What name was given to the Southern Democrats who, after taking power, started to undo many of the programs created by Reconstruction? 7) What method of discrimination was declared legal by the Supreme Court in *Plessy vs. Ferguson?* 8) What industry, historically found in the North, gave many non-farming opportunities to Southerners after Reconstruction?