

AP United States History

Study Guide for Exam # 6: Civil War and Reconstruction

Review Topics:

- Lincoln on the border states; Fort Sumter and Secession of the Upper South
- British diplomacy issues - cotton surplus, attempts at recognition by the Confederacy, *Trent* affair, *Merrimack-Monitor*, the *Alabama*, William Gladstone, Antietam & Emancipation Proclamation
- Original war goals / how to win
- Know the advantages & disadvantages for both sides
- What measures did the Republican Congress enact for the economy during the Civil War? (National Banking System, greenbacks, income taxes, etc.)
- Results/Significance of First Bull Run (for both north and south)
- Grant in the West: Forts Henry and Donelson; Battle of Shiloh
- McClellan's Peninsular Campaign
- Results/Significance of the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg, MD)
- Lee's two major northern invasions (why? results?)
- Slavery: Emancipation Proclamation? Thirteenth Amendment?
- Conscription North and Conscription South, Conscription all around (and other issues from our discussion on ending slavery during the Civil War) **confiscation acts**
- Results/Significance of the July 4th victories: Battles of Gettysburg and Battles of Vicksburg
- Success in the West: Chattanooga; William Tecumseh Sherman, Atlanta, and the March to the Sea
- Election of 1864: Parties, which victories helped Lincoln, who were Copperheads?
- Be sure to understand politics in the north: major changes by the federal government; opposition; other issues at the time
- What was Grant's hard war strategy in the east? (Review details from Overland Campaign)
- End of the war and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
- Results of the Civil War? Revolutionary changes?
- End-game for the South: how did they view secession at the end of the war?
- Freedmen's Bureau: greatest achievement? How was it viewed in the South?
- How did Lincoln view Reconstruction? What did the controversy over the Wade-Davis bill demonstrate?
- What was Lincoln's 10% plan for Reconstruction?
- What was the view of Congressional Republicans toward Reconstruction?
- What were the Black Codes?
- What significance did Johnson's veto to extend the Freedmen's Bureau have on his relationship with Congress?
- What event led Congress to initiate impeachment proceedings on President Johnson?
- Fourteenth Amendment – what did it guarantee? which southern state was first to ratify?
- Radical Reconstruction – measures taken? what did moderates and radicals agree upon?
- What were Radical Republican state governments able to accomplish?
- How did Radical (or Military) Reconstruction end?
- Which group of voters helped Ulysses S. Grant to win the presidential election of 1868?
- Military Reconstruction Act of 1867?
- Who was responsible for the purchase of Alaska?
- Who were "white redeemers"? scalawags? carpetbaggers?
- What were the Force Acts of 1870-1871 and why were they needed?
- What was the Compromise of 1877?
- How significant is Reconstruction to U.S. History? What are its legacies – good or bad?
- Why did Reconstruction fail?