



The Faces of Reconstruction

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A Union troop after the harsh effects of being held prisoner at Andersonville



The ruins of Broadstreet, Charleston South Carolina after the war.

Many lives were effected during and after the war due to the extreme lose of lives.



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The Civil Rights Bill

Fortieth Congress of the United States of America;
At the Third Session.
Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

A RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (Two-thirds of both Houses concurring) That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:

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Article XIV.

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

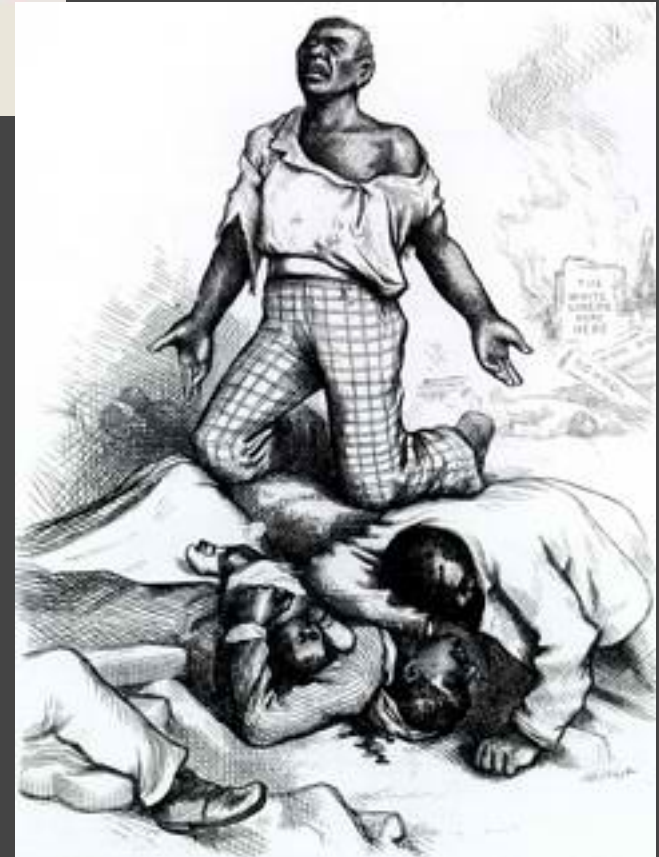
Section 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such voters bears to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

The 14th Amendment

The 15th Amendment

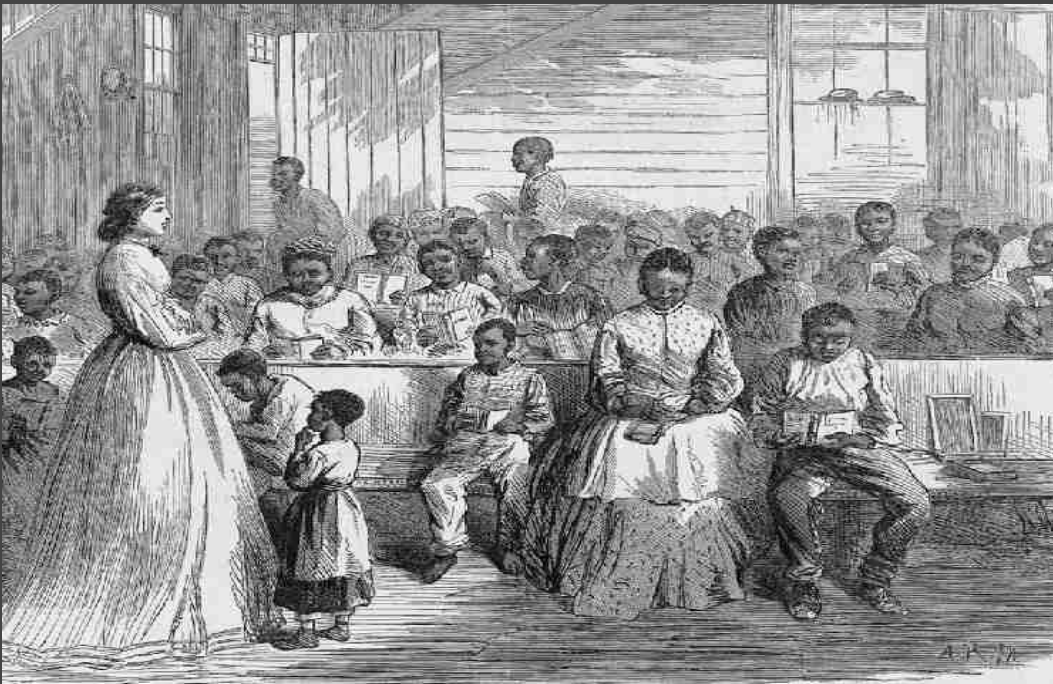


KKK flag



The KKK terrorized African Americans inflicting harassment, abuse, whippings, and murder.

The Ku Klux Klan, or KKK for short, was formed after the war as a social club for whites who thought they were above African Americans

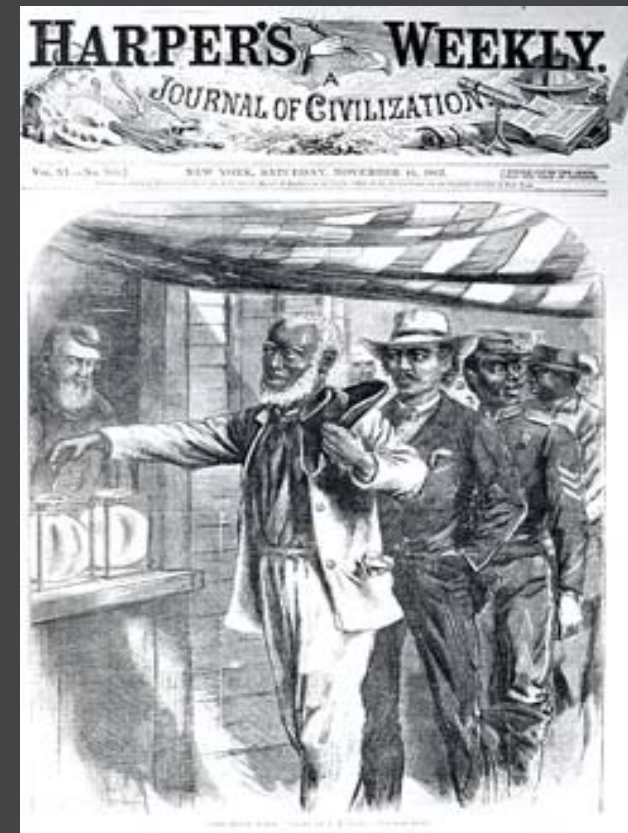


There were also ups to the freed slaves. They were now able the right to be educated.

African Americans were also given the right to vote.



Many former slaves used skills they learned from slavery into the workforce, becoming housemaids, nurses, ect.

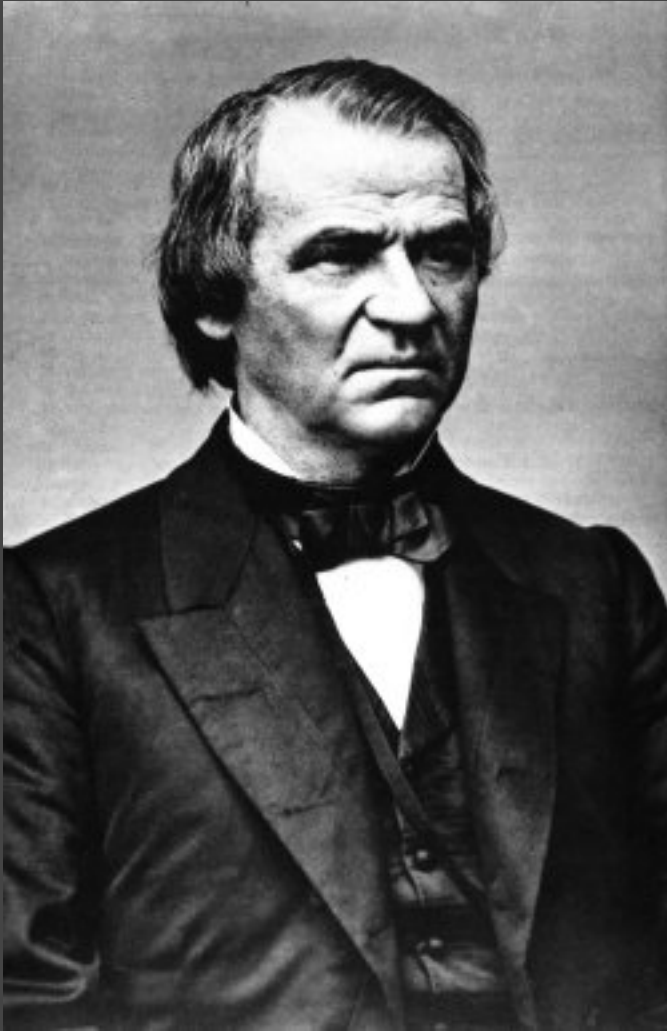




A. Lincoln

Abe' Lincoln's signature.

An important aspect in the early reconstruction era, would be the assisnation of Abraham Lincoln. This not only resolted in a devastated nation, well, a large portion of it, and Lincoln's VP becoming president. This sketch shows what the assination was thought to have looked like.



A sketch of Johnson's
impeachment trial after he
overstepped his executive
power.

The 17th President of the United
States, Andrew Johnson.

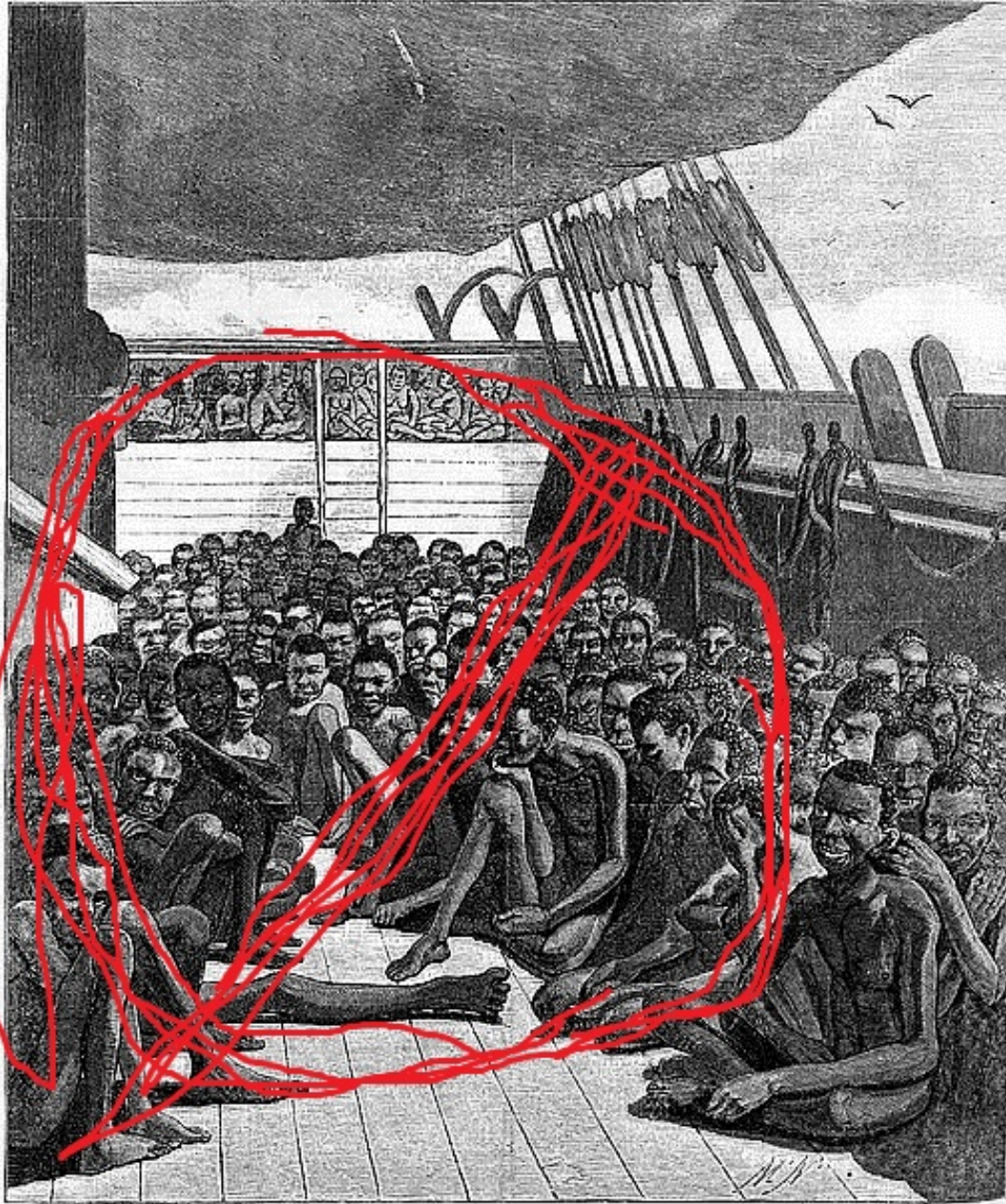


Stevens, a prominent radical republican in congress during reconstruction, believed that reconstruction offered an opportunity to create a perfect republic based on the equal rights for all citizens.



Due to the amount of land damaged during the war, the South had become more manufactural than ever before. This is a picture of a cotton mill in Georgia.

THE AFRICANS OF THE SLAVE BARK "WILDFIRE."—[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]



THE SLAVE DECK OF THE BARK "WILDFIRE," BROUGHT INTO KEY WEST ON APRIL 20, 1860.—[FROM A DALLAS ENGRAVER.]

Overall, the most important aspect in the Reconstruction Era would have to be the ending the ending of slavery.

Please pardon my horrible "No Sign".