

RECONSTRUCTION

1865-1877

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ISSUES OF RECONSTRUCTION

- South lay in ruins post-Civil War = homes burned, businesses closed, properties abandoned, African Americans lacked full citizenship and means to make a living.
- Struggle – how to return southern states to the Union, rebuild the South's economy, and promote slave rights of former slaves.

DEVASTATION IN THE SOUTH

- South's share in the nation went from 30%-12%.
- Destroyed factories, plantations, and railroads.
- Half the regions live stock and farm machinery were gone.
- One fourth of southern white men between ages 20-40 died in the war.
- Nearly 3 million newly freed African Americans were with out jobs or homes



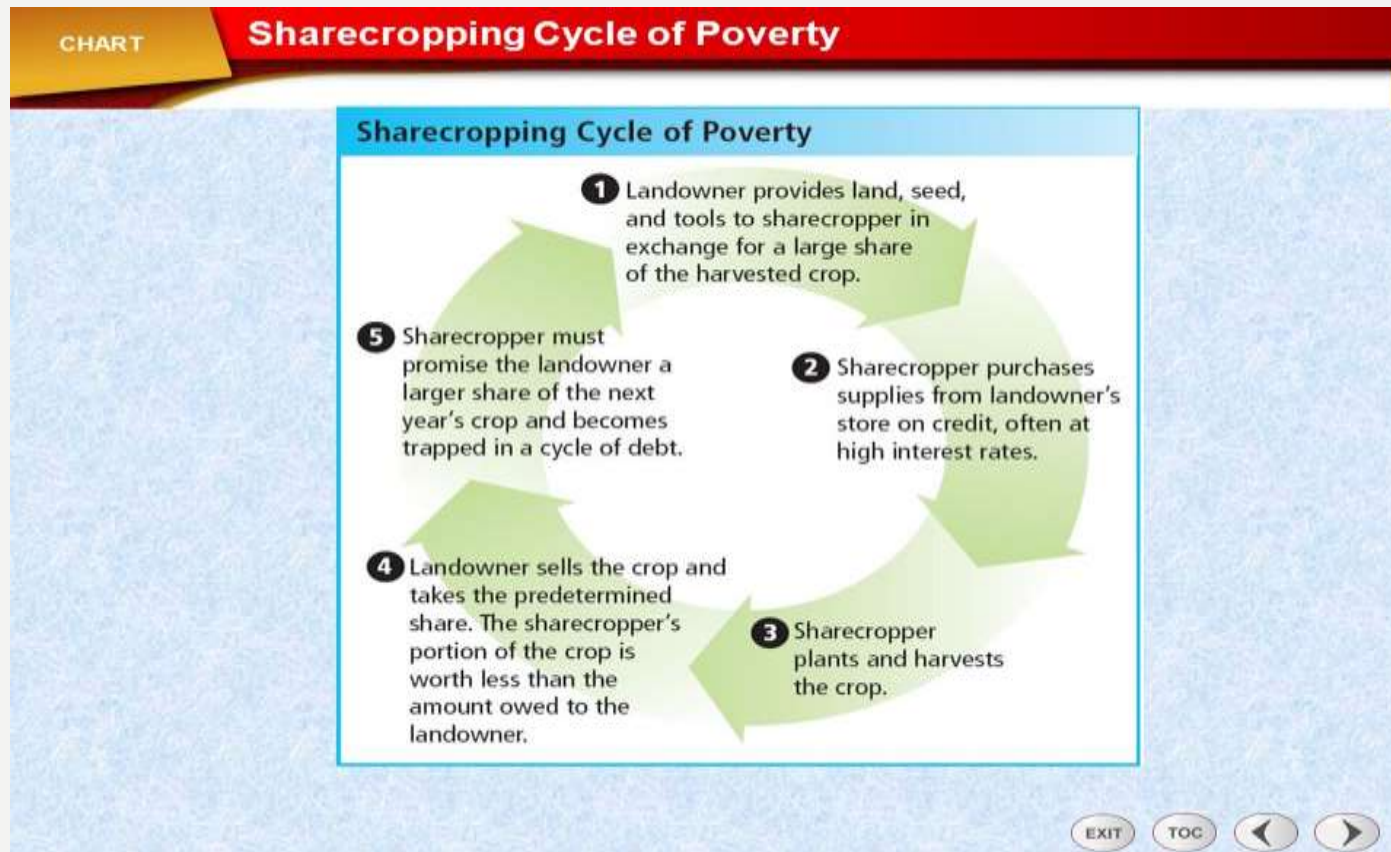
TEN PERCENT PLAN

- As soon as ten percent of a state's voters took loyalty oath to the Union, the state could set up a new government. Plus had to abolish slavery and provide education for African Americans.
- Pardon former Confederates
- 14th Amendment – guarantees citizenship to African Americans and prohibits states from passing laws to take away citizenship.
- 15th Amendment- no citizen can be denied the right to vote because of, “ race, color, or previous servitude.”
- Southern states reject plan – segregation, illiterate, lacked medical care, housing and production.

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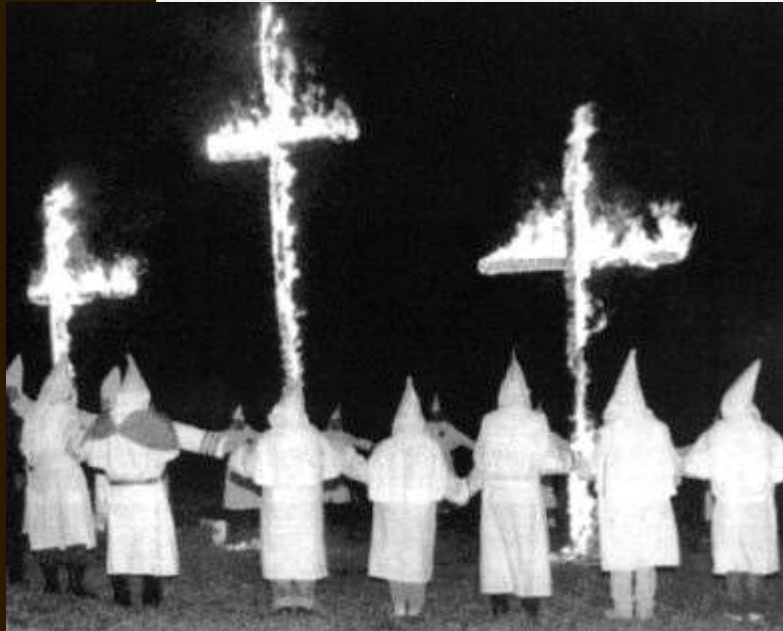
REMAKING SOUTHERN ECONOMY

- Sharecropping- land owners rented land to poor blacks and whites in return for a place to live and tools to use. Both always in debt to each other.



KU KLUX KLAN

- Formed in Tennessee in 1866.
- Formed to terrorize African Americans – burning homes, schools, and churches, beating, or killing African Americans and their white allies.
- Wore white robes and hoods, mounted on horses.
- Took aim at African American freedom; harassed voters, politicians, teachers, and ministers.



END OF RECONSTRUCTION

- Union is restored
- African Americans gain citizenship and voting rights
- South's economy and infrastructure are improved
- KKK forms
- Sharecropping takes hold of the south

FACTS:

- South fought against the United States, not for it.
- Vice President of the Confederacy, Alexander Stephens, made it clear that the confederate cause was about maintaining slavery and white supremacy.
- Southern soldiers were warriors but not patriots.
- Statues were made purposefully to celebrate the Confederacy and send a strong message to all those who walk by them.

TODAY: Controversy about taking them down. Main reason for removal is **DIVISION**. They do not represent being a **United** country.

<https://www.history.com/news/how-the-u-s-got-so-many-confederate-monuments>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8TVTlyOw64>

- Why do we have confederate monuments if they don't unify the nation?

- If the confederate states been allowed to secede peacefully, what kind of country would the country have been? What would it look like today?

POST CIVIL WAR 2018

- Answer the following question in your notes:
 1. When the South succeed what was its main goal?
 2. During the Civil Rights Movement a large number of Civil War monuments were built to commemorate the losing side of the Civil War and glorify southern generals. How would you explain to a five year old what the monuments represent?
 3. How do you feel about them still being displayed throughout the United States?
 4. Why do you think there are not Nazi monuments or Nazi flags waving in present day Germany?