

Unit 4: Post Civil War & Big Business Review Guide

1. How did President Lincoln feel the South should have been treated after the Civil War?

He felt that they should be welcomed back and brought back into the Union as quickly as possible.

- a. What are 2 reasons he felt this way?

He argued that they never legally left the US and he wanted the nation to heal quickly.

2. Who were the Radical Republicans?

Northerners in Congress after the Civil War.

- a. How did they feel the South should have been treated at after the Civil War?

They wanted to punish the South. Put troops in the South and occupy them, prevent their leaders from participating in government and give rights and to newly free slaves as quickly as possible.

3. How did the South benefit from the Compromise of 1877?

Troops were removed from the South.

4. What limitations kept former slaves from improving their lives? (list 3)

Racist laws, lack of an education and poverty

5. What economic system developed in the South after the Civil War due towards the abolishment of slavery and the economic needs it created?

Sharecropping: Plantation owners rented out their land to poor blacks and whites. The owners kept a majority of the crops and workers gained little or usually went into debt.

6. What were the purpose of literacy tests and grandfather clauses?

To prevent newly freed slaves from voting.

7. What 2 amendments tried to improve the lives of former slaves?

The 14th granted citizenship and Civil Rights and the 15th gives black men the right to vote.

- a. How were these 2 laws circumvented by Southern governments?

Jim Crow laws, and grandfather clauses are two examples.

8. How did the theory of laissez-faire impact the growth of American business?

Since the government made no rules for business it was allowed to grow without restrictions and business leaders usually employed any means necessary to reach their goals.

9. Where did many people move for jobs during the American Industrial Revolution?

Many moved up north and to cities. Ex: Detroit, Pittsburgh & Buffalo

10. Which group benefited the most from the American Industrial Revolution?

The business owners.

a. What was a nickname given to these people and why?

Many people called them Robber Barons saying they became rich and powerful by stealing from others.

11. What were two major ways the US transported goods for trade?

Railroads and waterways.

a. What geographic feature connects the Midwest and Northeast and assisted the steel industry's growth?

The Great Lakes

12. Who or what was Jim Crow?

Racist laws in the south after the Civil War that enforced segregation and prevented blacks from improving their lives.

a. What was the purpose for him/them?

Keep whites in power in the South.

Writing:

13. Explain the historical circumstances to the development of sharecropping.

Plantation owners needed workers after their slaves were freed newly freed slaves and others need work.

14. Discuss the impacts of sharecropping.

Many blacks were kept in a state of poverty and were not able to improve their lives.

15. Make a claim regarding the system of sharecropping.