

# Political , Social, Economic Changes ...

## North Acts South Reacts

- ▶ Why is this period in US History called the "Second American Revolution."
- ▶ In your opinion what were the greatest changes that took place during the war years.

# Social Changes South

- ▶ 3.5 million former Slaves now free
- ▶ Equal status with their former slave owners
- ▶ KKK was organized to protect white control
- ▶ Racial prejudice increased rather than decrease

# Social Changes South

- ▶ Racial segregation replaced slavery in the South
- ▶ Black codes enacted
- ▶ Southern states created "Jim Crow"
- ▶ Civil Rights groups organized
- ▶ Freedmen's Bureau was created by the Federal Government to help the former slaves.

# Social Changes North

- ▶ The Federal government did little to assist the needy. The creation of the Freedmen's Bureau was one of the few efforts to do so.
- ▶ Slavery ended with the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

# Economic Impact South

- ▶ "King Cotton" destroyed
- ▶ Plantation system destroyed
- ▶ Birth of the "New South"
- ▶ Cities, towns, village had to be re-built
- ▶ Sharecropping introduced... new economic slavery

# Economic Impact North

- ▶ Industrial Giant born
- ▶ Growth of major corporations would begin
- ▶ After the Civil War, the North was extremely prosperous. Its economy had boomed during the war, bringing economic growth to both the factories and the farms. Since the war had been fought mostly in the South, the North didn't have to rebuild.



## MILITARY RECONSTRUCTION

Military districts and commanding generals

- 1 Schofield
- 2 Sickles
- 3 Pope
- 4 Ord
- 5 Sheridan

### State

1868 Date of readmission to Union  
 1871 Date conservative rule reestablished

# Political Changes South

- ▶ African-American Blacks involved in Politics... win seats at all levels of government
- ▶ Elect Hiram Rhodes Revels- US Senator from Mississippi taking Jefferson Davis's old seat



- ▶ Civil War Amendments passed...
- ▶ 13<sup>th</sup>-Freedom 14<sup>th</sup> Citizenship 15<sup>th</sup> voting
- ▶ Carpetbaggers-
- ▶ Scalawags ...





# Carpetbaggers

- ▶ In United States history, "carpetbaggers" was a negative term Southerners gave to Northerners (also referred to as Yankees) who moved to the South during the Reconstruction era, between 1865 and 1877.



# Southern Political Changes

- ▶ Whites counter Northern political help for African-Americans.
- ▶ Create the following ROADBLOCKS:
  - ▶ Literacy Tests
  - ▶ Poll Taxes
  - ▶ Grandfather Clauses
  - ▶ Jim Crow Laws

# Political Changes North

- ▶ Congress would take control of Reconstruction override Johnson's vetoes 15 times
- ▶ Created five military districts
- ▶ Congress would Impeach President Johnson failed to obey the Tenure of Office Act

# West Changes

- ▶ Homestead Act
- ▶ Railroad construction
- ▶ "Go West, young man"- popular saying made famous by Horace Greeley to support Manifest Destiny after the Civil War