

Problems of Reconstruction

Social Issues	Your Group's Recommendations (Be as detailed as possible!)	What actually happened?
<p>Should blacks be able to vote? Why or why not?</p>		
<p>Who is more responsible for taking care of the people's needs - the federal govt, the state govt or the people themselves? Explain.</p>		
<p>Southern whites do not want blacks to have the same rights as white citizens. How can blacks be guaranteed these rights? Can the federal government make the states give rights to their citizens? Explain.</p>		
<p>Given that so few people in the South have an education, should schools be set up to teach the freedmen and poor whites, or does the region not need schools? Explain.</p>		

Economic Issues	Your Group's Recommendations (Be as detailed as possible!)	What actually happened?
<p>Should Southerners be allowed to keep their land? Why or why not?</p>		
<p>The Southern economy is destroyed (no railroads, no money, burned plantations, no labor force.)</p> <p>Should the federal government pay to help the South recover? Why or why not?</p>		
<p>How will the work (mainly farm work dealing with cotton) be done? Explain.</p> <p><i>Remember who owns all the land; given how cash poor all Southerners are, will landowners be able to pay wages for doing jobs that need to be done?</i></p>		
<p>Should slaves be paid back for the work they did in the years before they were freed?</p> <p><i>If yes, who should pay them - the federal government or their former owners? Should they be paid in land or in cash? Explain.</i></p>		

Political Issues	Your Group's Recommendations (Be as detailed as possible!)	What actually happened?
<p><i>The southern states chose to officially leave the Union, meaning they are not currently members of the United States.</i></p> <p>What should they have to do, if anything, before being readmitted to the Union? Justify your response.</p>		
<p>Who should be allowed to hold office in the new state governments?</p> <p><i>Former soldiers? Blacks? Confederate leaders? Northerners?</i></p> <p>Explain your answer.</p>		
<p>Do states need to ratify the 13th Amendment (which abolishes slavery)? Why or why not?</p>		
<p>If Southerners pass laws that discriminate against the former slaves, what, if anything, should the federal government do to make certain that federal laws protect everyone equally? Explain.</p>		
<p>If whites use violence against the newly freed slaves and Northerners in the South, what, if anything, should the government do to protect these people? Explain.</p>		