

Reconstruction Timeline

1865 The Civil War ends.

Republican President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.
Democrat Andrew Johnson becomes president.

13th Amendment to the Constitution passes.

Congress creates the Freedmen's Bureau to help freed men and women transition from slavery.

Civil Rights Act of 1866 allows African Americans to own property and to be treated equally in court.

The Ku Klux Klan is founded.

Radical Republicans take over the United States government. → American politicians within Republican party

14th Amendment to the Constitution passes.

First African American elected to United States Congress.

1869 Ulysses S. Grant is elected president.

1870 15th Amendment to the Constitution passes.

1871 Congress passes the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 in response to reports of widespread violence in the South.

1872 The Freedmen's Bureau ends.

1874 Democrats take control of the United States Congress.
Radical Republicans are no longer in power.

1877 Rutherford B. Hayes is elected President and officially ends Reconstruction. Hayes pulls all remaining Northern troops out of the Southern states.

Freedmen's Bureau
• Initiated by Lincoln
• Help Freed slaves
- Find Family members
- teach to read/write
- advocate in courts

1866

1867

1868

• Radicals strongly opposed slavery
• Demanded harsh policies