

- 1 **Reconstruction**
Presidential Reconstruction
- 2 **Old South Destroyed**
 - What does the South look like after the Civil War?
 - Economy is in ruins, cities are in ruins
 - Looks like what Europe looked like after WWII
 - 4 million free slaves, what are they all gonna do?
 - Some thought that land was owed to them
 - Should receive 40 acres and a mule
- 3 **President Lincoln**
 - President Lincoln wants to restore the Union very quickly
 - Why did the Union go to war?
 - To preserve the Union
 - President Lincoln wants southerners to abandon the Confederacy
- 4 **President Lincoln**
 - Issues Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction on December, 8 1863
 - Offers amnesty to all southerners except high-ranking officials
 - Had to swear allegiance to US Constitution
 - Accept federal laws ending slavery
 - Permits states to rejoin Union when 10% of residents swore loyalty to the nation
- 5 **President Lincoln**
 - Congress and Lincoln have differing views about reconstruction
 - Congress tries to pass own reconstruction bill and Lincoln vetoes it
- 6 **Lincoln is Assassinated**
 - April 14, 1865 Lincoln is assassinated while watching a play by John Wilkes Booth
 - How would this effect the South?
 - How would this effect the North?
 - Assassination increases distrust between North and South

–Many in North feel South organized the killing of Lincoln

7  **President Johnson**

- Andrew Johnson assumes Presidency after Lincoln is killed
- Unprepared for challenges of Reconstruction
 - Why?
- Preferred a government ran by white citizens
 - Had severe prejudices against African race
- Refused to compromise

8  **President Johnson**

- May 1865 gave pardon to all rebels except former office holders and rich planters
- For readmission to Union Confederate states only had to:
 - nullify their acts of secession, refuse to pay Confederate debt, and abolish slavery
- South supports Johnson vehemently
- Becomes an appeaser to the South

9  **The Black Codes**

- Because of Johnson's loose policies, South adopts laws limiting freedom of former slaves
- "Black Codes" varied from state to state
- What are these "Black Codes" trying to achieve?
- Re-establish White control over African Americans
 - Limiting economic, political, and social equality

10  **Black Codes**

- Some "codes" prohibited African Americans from living in town unless they were servants in the area
- Several states required freedpeople to sign long-term labor contracts
 - This was not the NFL contract
 - If African Americans refused they could be arrested and have their labor put up for auction
 - Sound familiar??