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Study Guide—Reconstruction

1. What was the Freedman's Bureau? *An organization set up by Congress to help former slaves by providing education, food, and other supplies.*
2. What was the purpose of the 13th Amendment? *It declared that slavery could no longer exist in the United States*
3. What was the purpose of the 14th Amendment? *It provided citizenship rights for all former slaves and was a response to the Black Codes.*
4. What was the purpose of the 15th Amendment? *It allowed African Americans to begin taking part in government by running for office and voting*
5. Why did the House of Representatives want to impeach President Johnson? *He objected and refused to carry out the tough laws that were strict towards Southern states*
6. What was sharecropping? *A system that developed in the South to keep the plantations operating after the end of slavery*
7. Which event marked the official end of Reconstruction? *President Hayes ordered the government soldiers to leave the South*
8. What group of people helped construct the transcontinental railroad? *Chinese*
9. What were the Great Plains like? *Flat and dry land*
10. What is a true statement that can be said about Reconstruction in the South? *Many were poor, and it was hard to earn a living.*
11. Who were the Exodusters? *African American homesteaders that left the south to settle in the Great Plains*
12. In 1871, African Americans asked Congress for protection from which group?
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