

Visual Review

African American Families
African Americans try to reestablish their families.

Southern Whites and the Problem of Defeat
Southern whites resist the war's outcomes.

Emancipation in Comparative Perspective
American emancipation differs from other nations.

The Year of Jubilee, 1865

RECONSTRUCTING AMERICA, 1865–1877

Shaping Reconstruction, 1865–1868

Andrew Johnson's Reconstruction
President Andrew Johnson sanctions white southern recalcitrance.

The Fight Over Reconstruction
Congress haggles over competing versions of Reconstruction.

The Civil War Amendments and American Citizenship
Congress grants civil rights for African Americans.

Congressional Reconstruction
Congress passes the 14th Amendment and takes over Reconstruction.

Reconstruction in the South, 1866–1876

African American Life in the Postwar South

African Americans begin to build new communities.

Republican Governments in the Postwar South

Republican governments create awkward alliances.

Cotton, Merchants, and the Lien

White landowners and black workers struggle over terms of labor.

The End of Reconstruction, 1877

The Ku Klux Klan and Reconstruction Violence

African Americans experience violent opposition to their new freedoms.

Northern Weariness and Northern Conservatism

The north grows impatient with the duration and expense of Reconstruction.

Legacies of Reconstruction

African Americans are isolated from society and white Southerners violently protect white supremacy.