

Study Questions for Prince, *Radical Reconstruction*

1. Why was there a political crisis in the U.S. after the Civil War?
2. How did the views of the Radical Republicans differ from those of moderate and conservative Republicans? What principles did the Radicals believe in?
3. Why did moderate Republicans move toward some of the Radical positions as time went on? What role did President Johnson and events on the ground in the South play in shifting these Republicans' views?
4. Why did President Lincoln favor a more lenient approach to Reconstruction?
5. Why did President Johnson's approach to Reconstruction anger Radicals in Congress? What aspects of Johnson's program did they oppose most sharply?
6. Why did making freedmen citizens but not allowing them to vote actually *increase* the political power of the South?
7. What did the 14th Amendment do to protect the freedmen? How did the southern states respond to the 14th Amendment? Why did some Radical Republicans believe it did not go far enough?
8. By 1867, why did the Republicans in Congress believe that federal oversight was necessary to defend the rights of the freedmen in the South? By passing the Reconstruction Act of 1867, how did they help protect the freedmen in the South?
9. Why did the Republicans impeach President Johnson? Why did they fail to remove him from office?
10. Why were the Radicals unable to achieve their vision for a New South? To what extent was the South "new" once Reconstruction was over?