STANDARD VS.8A
EFFECTS OF RECONSTRUCTION

*Virginians faced **serious problems in rebuilding** the state after the war.*

Terms to know

- **Reconstruction**: The period following the Civil War in which Congress passed laws designed to **rebuild** the country and bring the southern states back into the Union

Problems faced by Virginians during Reconstruction

- Hundreds of thousands of freed African Americans **needed housing**, **education**, clothing, food, and jobs.
- Virginia's economy was in **ruins**:
  - **Money** had no value.
  - **Banks were closed**.
  - **Railroads, bridges, plantations, and crops were destroyed**.
  - **Businesses** needed to be rebuilt.

Measures taken to resolve problems

- The **Freedmen's Bureau** was a federal government agency that provided food, public **schools**, and **medical** care for freed African Americans and others in Virginia.
- **Sharecropping** was a system common in Virginia after the war in which freedmen and poor white farmers **rented land** from a landowner by promising to pay the owner with a **share of the crop**.

1. Reconstruction happened after the _____ _____. Congress was tying to _____ the country.
2. Many freed African Americans needed things like _____, education, clothing, and jobs.
3. Congress wanted to bring the _____ states back to the Union.
4. Money had _____ value.
5. Banks were _____.
6. Railroads, bridges, plantations, and crops were _____.
7. Business needed to be _____.
8. The _____ _____ provided essentials for Freed African Americans.
9. _____ is when farmland is rented from a landowner, and they promise to pay the owner with their crops.

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