

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 trying 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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