Reconstruction
In 10 words or less, define Reconstruction.
Rebuilding American after the Civil War (from 1865-1877)

Who believed preservation of the Union was more important than punishing the South?
Lincoln

Who believed freedmen should be granted a constitutional amendment guaranteeing equal voting rights?
Frederick Douglass

Who urged Southerners to stop fighting and reconcile with the North?
Robert E. Lee

What phrase best describes Lincoln’s policies for Reconstruction? Why?
“Forgive and Forget” – Lincoln and Johnson wanted to forgive the south. They believed preserving the union was more important than punishing the south.

What phrase best describes Radical Republicans’ policies for Reconstruction? Why?
“Punish! Punish! Punish!” – The Radical Republicans took over and sent an army to the South to punish the South.

What did the 13th Amendment do?
Bans slavery in the US and its territories

What did the 14th and 15th Amendments do?
14th- Grants citizenship and guarantees equal protection under the law.
15th- Grants the right to vote to all people (but not women yet)

What were black codes?
Laws based on slave codes meant to limit the citizenship of freedmen. Meant to keep freedmen in slave-like conditions.

What two things did the Civil Rights Act of 1866 say?
African Americans have equal rights and the army can enforce them.

In 7 words or less describe sharecropping.
Freedmen rented land (parts of plantations) for large share of crops.

What act broke the south into military districts?
The Military Reconstruction Act

What do we mean when we say: “what was gained is lost and what was lost is regained”?
The rights freedmen gained during Reconstruction were lost through Jim Crow Laws. And the power the South had lost during Reconstruction was re-gained when the military left.
How did Reconstruction end?  (What was the Compromise of 1877?)
Rutherford B. Hayes was given the Presidency in exchange for taking the military out of the South.

What did Jim Crow Laws do?
Made segregation practices official law in many Southern states and Communities.

What was the purpose of poll taxes and literacy tests?
To prevent freedmen from being able to vote.

What was the most famous secret society?  What kinds of things would they do?
The Ku Klux Klan. They would threaten and terrorize African Americans in the South using violence.