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<u>Reconstruction Study Guide</u> (Answer Key)

<u>**Standard VS.8a:**</u> SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by identifying the effects of Reconstruction on life in Virginia.

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

Problems faced by Virginians during Reconstruction
- Millions of freed African Americans needed
    - **(1)** <u>**housing**</u> **(2)** <u>**education**</u> **(3)** <u>**clothing**</u> **(4)** <u>**food**</u> **(5)** <u>**jobs**</u>
- Virginia's economy was in ruins:
    - <u>**Money**</u> had no value.
    - Banks were <u>**closed**</u>.
    - <u>**Railroads**</u>, <u>**bridges**</u>, <u>**plantations**</u>, and <u>**crops**</u> were destroyed.

Measures taken to resolve problems
- The <u>**Freedmen's Bureau**</u> was a government agency that provided **(1)** <u>**food**</u>, **(2)** <u>**schools**</u>, and **(3)** <u>**medical care**</u> for freed African Americans and others in Virginia.
- <u>**Sharecropping**</u> was a system common in Virginia after the war in which <u>**freedmen**</u> and <u>**poor white farmers**</u> rented land from a landowner by promising to pay the owner with a <u>**share**</u> of the <u>**crop**</u>.

<u>**Standard VS.8b:**</u> SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by identifying the effects of segregation and "Jim Crow" on life in Virginia for whites, African Americans, and American Indians.

Terms to know
- <u>Segregation</u>: The <u>**separation**</u> of people, usually based on <u>**race**</u> or <u>**religion**</u>
- <u>Discrimination</u>: An <u>**unfair difference**</u> in the treatment of people

During Reconstruction, African Americans began to have power in Virginia's government, and **men of all races** could vote.

After Reconstruction, these gains were lost when **"Jim Crow" Laws** were passed by **southern** states. These laws established **segregation** or separation of the races and reinforced **prejudices** held by whites.

"Jim Crow" laws had an effect on the lives of African Americans and American Indians.

- Unfair **poll taxes** & **voting tests** were created to keep African American men from voting.
- African Americans found it very difficult to vote or **hold public office**.
- African American and white children attended separate **schools**.
- African Americans were forced to use **separate** poor quality services, such as:
    - **drinking fountains**
    - **restrooms**
    - **restaurants**
- "Jim Crow" laws also had an effect on **American Indians**.

Standard VS.8c: SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by describing the importance of railroads, new industries, and the growth of cities to Virginia's economic development.

Virginia began to grow in many areas after the Civil War and Reconstruction.

- Virginia's cities grew with **people**, **businesses**, and **factories**.
- **Railroads** were a key to the expansion of business, agriculture, and industry. They facilitated the growth of **small** towns to **cities**.
- Other parts of Virginia grew as other industries developed. **Coal deposits** were discovered in Tazewell County.
- The need for **more and better roads** increased.
- **Tobacco** farming and **tobacco** products became important Virginia industries.

- Virginia's **transportation** system (highways, railroads, and air transportation) moves **raw materials** to **factories** and **finished products** to **markets**. Virginia **exports** agricultural and manufactured products, including:
    - o **tobacco**
    - o **poultry**
    - o **coal**
    - o **large ships**
- Virginia has a large number of **communications** and other technology industries.
- **Tourism** is a major part of Virginia's economy.
- Because many federal workers live and/or work in Virginia, the **federal government** has a significant impact on Virginia's economy.

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