

# Preview of Reconstruction *Video*

## Unit 9: Reconstruction

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### Video Introduction

This video provides a brief introduction to the major themes and events of the Reconstruction unit. Use this viewing guide to assess your understanding of the topics in the video.

### Video Vocabulary

**Directions:** Before you begin the video, read the terms below to familiarize yourself with new vocabulary introduced in this video.

Term	Definition
<b>Reconstruct</b> ( <i>v</i> )	To rebuild.
<b>Assassin</b> ( <i>n</i> )	Someone who murders an important person, typically for political or religious reasons.
<b>Treason</b> ( <i>n</i> )	A crime committed against your country
<b>Ku Klux Klan</b> ( <i>n</i> )	A terrorist organization established after the Civil War to threaten and attack Black Southerners and their allies.

### Before You Watch

After the Civil War, the U.S. government faced three major questions. Under the column labeled “Before you watch,” place a checkmark next to THREE questions that you think were most important. After you watch, you will return to this activity for your final answer.

Before you watch	After you watch	Major Questions Facing the United States
		1. Should the ex-Confederates be deported for their role in the rebellion against the United States government?
		2. What would happen to the 4 million newly freed Black Southerners?
		3. How should the United States bring the Southern states of the former Confederacy back into the Union?
		4. Should slavery be abolished, or allowed to continue only in Southern states?
		5. What should happen to the ex-Confederates in the South who took part in the rebellion?

## After You Watch

Return to the chart on the previous page to complete the second column labeled “After you watch.” Choose the three questions that the video discussed. Were your predictions correct?

The video discussed the three major questions facing the U.S. government as well as several different possibilities for how each question could be answered.

Complete the chart about each question based on the video and your own opinions.

Question	What possible answers to this question were discussed in the video?	How do <i><b>YOU</b></i> think the U.S. government should answer this question?
What should happen to the ex-Confederates?		
How should the U.S. government bring the Southern states back into the Union?		
What would become of the 4 million newly freed Black Southerners?		