

Reconstruction Overview

The process of rebuilding the South after the Civil War (1865-1877)

- During Reconstruction there were 4 Different Presidents (Lincoln-R, Johnson-D, Grant-R, Hayes-R)—non of them agreed with Congress (Radical Republicans) about what to do with the South

These Amendments were passed during the years of Reconstruction

- 1865- **13th Amendment**—Abolishes Slavery (also note this is the year that the KKK is established)
- 1866/8- **14th Amendment**—declared all persons born or naturalized in the US to be citizens of their states and the nation/ Prohibits states from denying citizens equal protection and due process of the law
- 1870- **15th Amendment**—Gave voting rights to all male citizens, regardless of color or previous servitude
- 1875—**Civil Rights Act** enacted by Congress—Provides blacks with the right to equal treatment in public places and transportation—(1883 Congress decided this Act is unconstitutional)