



Reconstruction SOL 10b

The Reconstruction policies were harsh and created problems in the South. Reconstruction attempted to give meaning to the freedom that the former slaves had achieved.

Reconstruction policies and problems

- ❖ Southern military leaders could **not** hold office
- ❖ Southerners **resented** northern “**Carpetbaggers**”, who took **advantage** of the South during **Reconstruction**
- ❖ **African Americans** held public office
- ❖ African Americans gained **equal** rights as a result of the **Civil Rights Act** of 1866, which authorized the use of **federal** troops for its enforcement.
- ❖ **Northern** soldiers supervised the **South**.