



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.