

Reconstruction Timeline

- 1865** The Civil War ends.
- Republican President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.
Democrat Andrew Johnson becomes president.
- 13th Amendment to the Constitution passes.
- Congress creates the Freedmen's Bureau to help freed men and women transition from slavery.
- 1866** Civil Rights Act of 1866 allows African Americans to own property and to be treated equally in court.
- The Ku Klux Klan is founded.
- 1867** Radical Republicans take over the United States government.
- 1868** 14th Amendment to the Constitution passes.
- First African American elected to United States Congress.
- 1869** Ulysses S. Grant is elected president.
- 1870** 15th Amendment to the Constitution passes.
- 1871** Congress passes the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 in response to reports of widespread violence in the South.
- 1872** The Freedmen's Bureau ends.
- 1874** Democrats take control of the United States Congress.
Radical Republicans are no longer in power.
- 1877** Rutherford B. Hayes is elected President and officially ends Reconstruction. Hayes pulls all remaining Northern troops out of the Southern states.