### 1 **■ SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

#### WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF RADICAL RECONSTRUCTION?

DO NOW: Why do you think Republicans were able to gain control of Southern state governments?

# **2** READMISSION OF SOUTHERN STATES

- White Southerners refused to vote during constitutional conventions and state elections
- Thousands of African American men did vote
  - Republicans gained control of Southern state governments
  - By 1868 Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina est. new governments and met requirements for readmission

# **3** IMPEACHING THE PRESIDENT

- Congress passed the Tenure of Office Act to limit Johnson's power as president
- Prohibited him from removing gov't officials w/o the Senate's approval
- Johnson <u>suspended</u> Secretary of War, <u>Edwin Stanton</u>, w/o Senate's approval
- When the Senate refuse to approve the suspension, Johnson removed him from office
- This violated the Tenure of Office Act
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- The House of Representatives subsequently voted to <a href="impeach">impeach</a> Johnson
  - During trial the Senate failed to get the 2/3 majority vote to convict Johnson
  - Johnson stayed in office for the duration of his term
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  - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvOBAfKbiMo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvOBAfKbiMo</a>
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#### 5 15<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT

- <u>Ulysses S. Grant</u> became President in 1868 with the help of the African American vote in the South
- 1869 Congress passed the 15th Amendment provided African American males the right to vote
  - Despite the efforts of the Republicans to provide African American men the right to vote their rights were still very limited
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  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYSEBneYFX8

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