

1 **September 5, 2019****How did plans to unify the nation differ after the Civil War?**

DO NOW: What was the period of time right after the Civil War called?

2 **Reconstruction**

- ▶ Period of rebuilding in the U.S.
- ▶ Also refers to the various plans for readmitting Southern states to the Union

3 **Lincoln's Plan**

- ▶ Ten Percent Plan
 - ▶ When 10% of the voters of a state took an oath of loyalty to the Union and adopt a new constitution that banned slavery
 - ▶ To encourage Southerners who supported the Union to take charge in their respective states
- ▶ Believed punishing the South would not be purposeful
 - ▶ Offered amnesty (a pardon) to white Southerners who would swear loyalty to the Union, with the exception of Confederate leaders

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- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wj6ncJJUECg>

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5 **The Radicals' Plan**

- ▶ Some Republicans felt Lincoln's plan was too forgiving
- ▶ They favored a more Radical (extreme) approach, they were called Radical Republicans
- ▶ Thaddeus Stevens felt Southern state should be punished
- ▶ Congress was controlled by Radical Republicans and they denied seats in Congress to any representative from states readmitted under Lincoln's plan

6 **Wade-Davis Bill**

- ▶ To rejoin Union
 - ▶ Majority of State's white males had to swear loyalty to the Union
 - ▶ Only white males who swore they had not fought against the Union could vote for delegates to a state constitutional convention
 - ▶ Any new state constitution had to ban slavery
 - ▶ Also barred former Confederates from holding public office

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- ▶ Lincoln refused to sign the Wade-Davis Bill
- ▶ He realized that he would have to compromise with the Radical Republicans

8 **The Freedman's Bureau**

- ▶ Helped African Americans adjust (adapt) to freedom
- ▶ Provided food, clothing and medical services
- ▶ Helped free people acquire land and find work for fair wages
- ▶ Set up schools and gave aid to new African American institutions
 - ▶ Atlanta Univ.; Howard Univ.; and Fisk Univ.

9 Johnson's Plan

- ▶ After Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth, VP Andrew Johnson became President
- ▶ Johnson's plan was called Restoration
 - ▶ Granted amnesty to most Southerners who swore loyalty to the Union
 - ▶ High-ranking Confederates could be pardoned only by appealing to the President
 - ▶ Only loyal, pardoned whites could vote for delegates to the state constitutional conventions
 - ▶ Before a state could reenter the Union, it had to denounce secession and ban slavery. They also had to ratify the 13th Amendment (abolished slavery).

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- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nowsS7pMApI>

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