US History

Reconstruction – Part II

Directions: Use your notes from Chapter 5 and your notes from the Power Points to complete the following questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What condition was the South in following the Civil War?
2. How were Lincoln’s and Johnson’s Reconstruction plans similar? (What were their main goals?)
3. How did the Radical Republicans’ Reconstruction plan differ from Lincoln’s and Johnson’s? (What were the goals of the Radical Republicans?)
4. How did the newly freed slaves begin to rebuild their lives?
5. How did Johnson’s plan of giving Southerners more control of their own state governments backfire for African Americans? (be specific in your examples)
6. Why is the 14th Amendment considered perhaps the most important post-Bill of Rights amendment in US History? (what does it provide?)
7. What does the term civil rights mean?
8. In 1867, Congress finally came up with a plan for Reconstruction. What were the details of this plan?
9. What does it mean to be impeached, and why was Johnson impeached?
10. What is the 15th Amendment, and what were some immediate results? What do you think some long-term results might be?
11. What was the difference between a carpetbagger and a scalawag?
12. In what ways did the end of slavery change agriculture in the South? What new systems arose and what were their similarities and differences?
13. Why did these systems encourage farmers to grow cash crops rather than food crops? What impact might this have had on people living in poverty?
14. How did railroads contribute to the growth of cities in the South? At the same time, why was southern industrial growth limited?
15. What were the sources of funding for Reconstruction programs?