

United States History

Unit 3 Study Guide

Chapters:

11 - The Civil War

12 - Reconstruction and its Effects

Lectures:

-Lecture 9: Who really were the North and the South of the Civil War?

-Lecture 10: How did the North overcome a bad start and win the Civil War?

-Lecture 11: How did we fix a broken Constitution after the Civil War?

Key Concepts:

-The composition of the North and the South: Which states were in the Confederacy? Which states stayed loyal to the Union?

-The Union being composed of both free and slave states

-"The Lost Cause" myth from the Southern perspective. Why did Southerners buy into the myth so strongly after the war was over?

-What were some of the "built in" advantages that the North had going into the war? How had the development of the nation thus far led to some of these advantages?

-Why was the South's strategy of using King Cotton to win the war ultimately a complete failure?

-Why was the North's superior ship numbers helpful in winning the war against the South?

-Be able to describe the Anaconda plan.

-How did the industry of the North aid in the victory of Union forces?

-How did superior infrastructure aid in the victory of Union forces?

-Why was the concept of "total war" only able to be used by the North, and why was it so devastatingly effective?

-Civil War Generals: Grant, Sherman, Lee, Jackson

-Civil War Figures: Admiral Farragut, Clara Barton, Jefferson Davis

-Why did the Emancipation Proclamation not alienate union Slave states while at the same time being a force of freedom for slaves?

-The 13th Amendment

-The 14th Amendment - what was the overall goal of the entire amendment at the time, and what is the lasting impact of the 14th amendment today?

-The 15th Amendment - to whom did it apply and whom did it NOT apply

-3 Plans for Reconstruction

-Freedman's Bureaus

-Black Codes

-Battles: Fort Sumter, Bull Run (1st), Antietam, Fort Pillow, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Sherman's March to the Sea

-The significance of the Monitor and Merrimack (and other ironclads)

-How the economies of the North and South fared during the war

-Scalawags and Carpetbaggers - why were these two types so despised in the South?

-How did the sharecropping system take the place of the plantation system in the South?

-What were some of the successes of Reconstruction?

-What was the function of the KKK?

-The North and the Panic of 1873

-The Election of 1876 and the "compromise of 1877"