

# Writing Exercises: Reconstruction

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1. Explain the importance of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments.

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2. Describe the system of sharecropping.

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3. The Ku Klux Klan was begun during Reconstruction and continues to this day. What does the continued existence of this and other racist groups say about racism in the United States? Explain your answer.

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4. Compare and contrast the lives of poor whites and former slaves in the South during and after Reconstruction.

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5. Radical Reconstruction ended with the election of Rutherford B. Hayes to the presidency. What were the long-term positive results of Radical Reconstruction? What were its long-term negative results?

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