

Texas and Texans  
Comprehension Questions Chapter 17

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas involved \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and addressing the rights of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The period of rebuilding at the end of the Civil War in \_\_\_\_\_ (year) was followed by a period in which \_\_\_\_\_ were gradually brought back into the \_\_\_\_\_. The period is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. List four reasons why Reconstruction was a difficult period for Texas:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Because of distance and the war, many African Americans did not immediately learn about the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1863 that freed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. The news came to enslaved \_\_\_\_\_ in Texas on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) when \_\_\_\_\_ troops landed in Galveston and General \_\_\_\_\_ issued a \_\_\_\_\_ that all enslaved Texans were \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The date June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans learned they were \_\_\_\_\_ became known as \_\_\_\_\_. The first celebrations were used to teach newly-freed African Americans their \_\_\_\_\_. Later the celebrations included \_\_\_\_\_.
6. By the end of 1865, there were over 50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ troops in Texas. They were assigned to patrol the \_\_\_\_\_ and maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the larger towns. A \_\_\_\_\_ government was set up in each \_\_\_\_\_ until it was readmitted to the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The conditions for the states' readmission to the Union were that each state must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. To regain the right to \_\_\_\_\_, Southern citizens were required to take an \_\_\_\_\_ to the US. Leaders of the \_\_\_\_\_ and anyone who had more than \_\_\_\_\_ had to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Once the requirements were met, the state could write a new \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their own \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A federal agency known as the \_\_\_\_\_ assisted many newly freed slaves. The Bureau's job was to provide relief to the thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ people in \_\_\_\_\_.

the state, to supervise the affairs of the \_\_\_\_\_, and to manage \_\_\_\_\_ seized during the war.

11. The Bureau believed \_\_\_\_\_ would equip African Americans with the skills they needed for \_\_\_\_\_ and by 1870, there were more than \_\_\_\_\_ schools for African Americans in Texas. The Bureau's work in Texas was made harder by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the state and by its poor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ systems. Most Anglo Texans were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Bureau. They felt the Bureau wasted taxpayer \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in local affairs.
12. The writers of the new Texas constitution written in February, 1866, included \_\_\_\_\_ men who had served at the Secession Convention of 1861 and many who had been officers in the \_\_\_\_\_ Army. There were \_\_\_\_\_ African American delegates. The new constitution made secession \_\_\_\_\_ and slavery was \_\_\_\_\_. It did not give African Americans full \_\_\_\_\_ as it did not give them the right to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Who were the many people on the roads of Texas during Reconstruction and what were they seeking?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Some of the most radical \_\_\_\_\_ refused to take an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and instead lead groups of Texans to \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Many Northern political leaders believed that \_\_\_\_\_, not the president should control Reconstruction. Many \_\_\_\_\_ elected many \_\_\_\_\_ officials and soldiers to top \_\_\_\_\_. The newly elected Texas governor \_\_\_\_\_ had served as a general in the \_\_\_\_\_ Army. Every Texan elected to the federal \_\_\_\_\_ had been either a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The Texas \_\_\_\_\_ refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment, which \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment which granted \_\_\_\_\_ to former \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Laws limiting the right of African Americans were called \_\_\_\_\_. Under these codes African Americans were not allowed to:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_African Americans could also only hold certain \_\_\_\_\_, mostly in agriculture, and if they did not have a home or a job, they were forced to work for \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The “\_\_\_\_\_” (political party) came up with their own plans for Reconstruction. They set stricter standards for readmitting \_\_\_\_\_ and they wanted to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of African Americans. They argued that \_\_\_\_\_ should have the \_\_\_\_\_ to make the laws of the land. President \_\_\_\_\_ believed that he had the power to \_\_\_\_\_ laws he found \_\_\_\_\_. In February, 1868, the House of Representatives voted to \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson. The impeachment process failed by only \_\_\_\_\_ vote
19. In March, 1867, Congress divided the South into \_\_\_\_\_ districts ruled by the \_\_\_\_\_. This rule would continue until the states adopted a constitution that gave African American men the right to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Congress also required states to \_\_\_\_\_ the 14th Amendment and some states, including Texas, also had to ratify the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment, which guaranteed African American men the right to \_\_\_\_\_. States also had to repeal the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Many voters also had to take what was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Oath, which stated they had not \_\_\_\_\_ served in the \_\_\_\_\_ Army or given aid to the \_\_\_\_\_. This oath kept \_\_\_\_\_ from voting.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were pleased with the Congressional Reconstruction plan, but most former \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ considered it \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Federal officials didn’t believe that Governor \_\_\_\_\_ was putting the \_\_\_\_\_ laws into effect, so he was \_\_\_\_\_ from office and replaced by \_\_\_\_\_. Military officials also removed hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leaders who were considered opponents of \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Southern whites who supported Reconstruction were called \_\_\_\_\_. Northerners who came to the South during this period were called \_\_\_\_\_ because many carried their belongings in a bag made of \_\_\_\_\_. Some came to help \_\_\_\_\_ the nation, while others came for \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ gain. \_\_\_\_\_ carpetbaggers arrived in Texas.
24. Organizations such as the \_\_\_\_\_ used \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent African Americans from \_\_\_\_\_.
25. The slogan “\_\_\_\_\_” was used to represent the goal of African Americans to be given farms from the Southern lands they had helped clear.
26. Although he was greatly disliked by Texans, Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ improved \_\_\_\_\_, built \_\_\_\_\_, passed the \_\_\_\_\_, and set up free \_\_\_\_\_ where attendance was \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Reconstruction in Texas and the period of \_\_\_\_\_ control came to an end when \_\_\_\_\_ was finally sworn in as the new governor in January, \_\_\_\_\_.