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Reconstruction - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following best describes Reconstruction?

- ☒ **A.** A short-lived effort to address the legacy of slavery
- B.** A long-lasting program that dismantled systemic racism
- C.** A political platform championed by Southern legislators
- D.** A civil rights movement led by formerly enslaved people

2. Which of the following was a central question of Reconstruction?

- A.** How to respond to the assassination of President Lincoln
- ☒ **C.** How to reunite the former Confederate states with the Union
- B.** How to recover from the unprecedented death toll of the Civil War
- D.** How to ensure slavery would continue in Southern states

3. After President Johnson ordered seized land returned to its original owners, White Southerners { }.

- ☒ **A.** regained economic control of the region
- B.** fled en masse to the western US
- C.** abandoned agriculture for industrial work
- D.** championed suffrage for Black men

4. Which of the following is true of the Reconstruction-era leaders elected in the South?

- A.** They opposed racism.
- ☒ **B.** They were exclusively White.
- C.** They included some Black men.
- D.** They supported Black civil rights.

5. Which faction was most strongly opposed to President Johnson's approach to Reconstruction?

- A.** The Populists
- B.** The War Democrats
- C.** The Federalists
- ☒ **D.** The Radical Republicans

6. The Civil Rights Bill asserted that {}.

- A. slavery is unconstitutional
- ☒ C. all people born in the US are citizens
- B. the right to vote cannot be denied based on race
- D. poll taxes are unconstitutional

7. In order to rejoin the Union, former Confederate states were required to {}.

- A. expel all military personnel
- ☒ B. ratify the 14th Amendment
- C. imprison former enslavers
- D. elect Black men to Congress

8. The ratification of the 15th Amendment resulted in which of the following?

- A. Less discrimination in the legal and criminal justice systems
- ☒ D. All of the above
- C. The election of Black men to public office
- B. A surge in civil rights activism led by Black Americans

9. White Southerners used {} to reassert their social and political control of the region.

- ☒ A. racial terrorism
- C. labor unions
- B. voter registration
- D. military forces

10. The end of Reconstruction was marked by which of the following?

- A. The election of Republican president Ulysses S. Grant
- ☒ C. New forms of institutionalized racism in the South
- B. A crackdown on voter intimidation and anti-Black violence
- D. Calls to welcome Black men into historically White institutions