

Reconstruction: A Revolution Manque

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Directions: Answer the questions to the best of your ability. Your responses should reflect careful reading of the article and an analysis of the learning gained from your other reading and the in-class discussions. As always, your work must be in complete sentences, written in pen, blue or black ink, or be typed, using a font size of about 12. Each is worth 2 points.

1. What are the three major goals adopted by the federal government during the Civil War? Explain each.
2. Describe the feelings of most Americans in the North towards emancipation? Explain your responses.
3. What did the Reconstruction Acts of 1867-1869 seek to accomplish? Explain your responses.
4. Analyze the multiple reasons why the federal government was unable to enforce its well-intentioned Reconstruction plans.
5. Explain how the results of the election of 1876 brought about an end to Reconstruction.
6. To what degree do you believe reconstruction amounted to a political revolution? A social revolution?
7. Explain the meaning of McPherson's title. Elaborate upon your response.