1865 – 1877

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Reconstruction Era timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Economic Panic Shifts Attention**
A severe financial panic leads to a deep economic depression; Northern Republicans lose interest in Reconstruction as economic problems dominate attention.

☐ **Reconstruction Ends**
A political compromise to resolve the disputed 1876 presidential election results in the withdrawal of the last federal troops from the South.

☐ **14th Amendment**
The 14th Amendment is ratified, granting citizenship to everyone born in the United States and guaranteeing equal protection of the laws to all persons.

☐ **Civil War Ends; Lincoln Assassinated**
The Civil War ends in April with the Confederate surrender; President Lincoln is assassinated by John Wilkes Booth five days after Lee surrenders.

☐ **Freedmen's Bureau Created**
Congress creates the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands to help formerly enslaved people transition to freedom.

☐ **13th Amendment — Slavery Abolished**
The 13th Amendment is ratified in December, abolishing slavery everywhere in the United States.

☐ **Black Codes**
Southern states pass restrictive laws called Black Codes to limit Black Americans' rights and keep them in conditions as close to slavery as possible.

☐ **15th Amendment**
The 15th Amendment is ratified, prohibiting the denial of voting rights based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

☐ **Congressional Reconstruction**
Congress passes the Reconstruction Acts, dividing the South into military districts and requiring states to grant Black men the right to vote before rejoining the Union.

☐ **Ku Klux Klan Acts**
Congress passes laws giving the federal government power to prosecute the Ku Klux Klan and other groups using terrorism to stop Black Americans from voting.

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1868 — 6. 14th Amendment

1870 — 7. 15th Amendment

1870–71 — 8. Ku Klux Klan Acts

1873 — 9. Economic Panic Shifts Attention

1877 — 10. Reconstruction Ends