

Final Exam

Part I Everyone must write on this question: [20 points]

All of the following played some role in the overturning of the Republican reconstruction governments in the postwar South. Choose any 4 and explain how each weakened the support for these congressional governments:

- a. Stalwarts
- b. Whiskey ring
- c. Mississippi plan
- d. Women's suffrage movement
- e. US vs Cruikshank
- f. J. Pike's The Prostrate State
- g. Elections of 1874

Part II Write on two of the following essays: [40 points each]

1. The proper historic epitaph on President Andrew Johnson's gravestone should read:

HERE LIES A PRESIDENT WHO WAS THE WRONG MAN IN THE
WRONG OFFICE AT THE WRONG TIME.

Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer fully.

2. To be sure Congressional (or Radical) reconstruction was a tragic failure but it still had achieved some praiseworthy accomplishments. What were these accomplishments?

3. The following asks you to engage in some counterfactual history. Assume that President Lincoln lived to preside over the reconstruction of the former Confederate states. What different or alternative scenario(s) can you image--without violating the historic record--for this period in our history called the Era of Reconstruction.