

Final Exam

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

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

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| a. Stalwarts                 | e. <u>US v. Cruikshank</u>              |
| b. Whiskey Ring              | f. J. Pike's <u>The Prostrate State</u> |
| c. Tompkins Square Riot      | g. Election of 1874                     |
| d. Women's suffrage movement |   |

Part II Write on one of the following essay questions: [40 pts.]

1. The proper historic epitaph on President 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? Please explain your answer fully.

2. To be sure Congressional reconstruction was a tragic failure but it still achieved some praiseworthy accomplishments. What in your opinion were these accomplishments?

Part III Write on one of the following essay questions in this set: [40%]

1. 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 difference or alternative scenario(s) can you imagine--without violating the historic record--for this period of American history called the Era of Reconstruction.

2. "The end of Reconstruction came not because propertyless blacks succumbed to economic coercion, but because a tenacious black community abandoned by the nation, fell victim to violence and fraud."

Do you agree or disagree with the accuracy of this statement? Please explain your answer fully.