

SOCIAL STUDIES SAMPLE ITEMS



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The following are items (test questions) from Grade 5, with the standard, the most closely-related indicator, and key for that item.

Indicator 5-1.1

What main goal did many Republicans in the North share during Reconstruction?

- A. allowing government officials to enforce black codes
- B. building strong support for groups like the Ku Klux Klan
- C. helping freedmen move North to work in factories
- D. adding numbers to their political party by helping freedmen

Key: D

Released Date: 2009

Indicator 5-1.2

Which **best** describes Southern politics during Reconstruction?

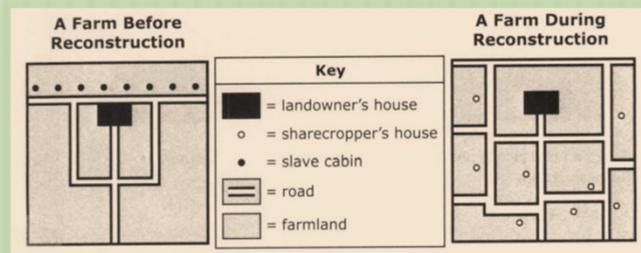
- A. Freed slaves served as public officials for the first time.
- B. Carpetbaggers had difficulty voting or holding elected office.
- C. The Democratic Party was in control of most state legislatures.
- D. State governments had more power than the federal government.

Key: A

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Indicator 5-1.2

Use your knowledge of Reconstruction and these diagrams to answer the question?



How did life on this farm change during Reconstruction?

- A. Workers bought and divided their plots of property.
- B. The land was used to grow different types of crops.
- C. Workers were responsible for their own crop production.
- D. The land was separated into sections for cotton and livestock.

Key: C

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Indicator 5-3.3

After 1880, many American citizens were concerned about the large numbers of immigrants. What was one reason for their concern?

- A. Immigrants would not work for lower wages than American citizens.
- B. Many people did not understand or accept people from different countries.
- C. Immigrants refused to learn English or become American citizens.
- D. Many people thought that there was not enough land for more people to live here.

Key: B

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Indicator 5-6.5

Use these facts about basketball to answer the question.

- In 1891, Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball while teaching school in Massachusetts.
- In 2008, teams from 74 countries competed in basketball from the Summer Olympics.

Which term best explains these facts?

- A. cultural exchange
- B. political cooperation
- C. economic independence
- D. educational achievement

Key: A

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