

**Political, Social, and Economic Effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction**

	Political effects	Econ effects	Social effects
<b>Results of the Reconstruction in Texas and the in the United States</b>			
13. Black Codes – laws passed to limit Freedmen and their rights.			
14. 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment – ended slavery – in the South, sharecropping became a “legal” way to continue to economically “enslave” poor former slaves and whites.			
15. 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment - extending basic civil rights and due process – in Texas the concept of “segregation – separate but equal” was a “legal” way around the provisions of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment.			
16. 15 <sup>th</sup> Amendment - allowing Black males to vote (women of any ethnicity were not allowed to vote until the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1919) – restrictions like Poll Tax, Literacy tests, and the Grandfather Clause limited the rights of minority males to vote.			
17. Freedman’s Bureau - an organization set up to help educate freed slaves and provide them with a new start – there was no on-going funding by the Federal government for this program.			
18. Public Education - free public schools were established in Texas for all children – these continue until the present.			
19. Hatred and animosity that turned into prejudice lasted for the next 100 years. After 1876, many segregation laws were passed that were not changed until “Second Reconstruction” - the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’s. – the effects of segregation were felt strongly in Texas.			
20. The KKK rose in power illustrating the degree of racism following the Civil War – this organization still exists in parts of Texas and the United States as a symbol of racism.			
21. Restrictions on government as evidenced by the Texas Constitution of 1876 (our current Constitution) – the Texas Constitution limits the powers of the governor and other high state officials, judges in Texas are all elected (not common in other states), and the Texas Legislature only meets once every two years.			

Based on your categorization, which area *Political, Economic, or Social* do you feel had the greatest impact on life after the Civil War?