

Lecture 4

The USA

The Civil War

Reconstruction



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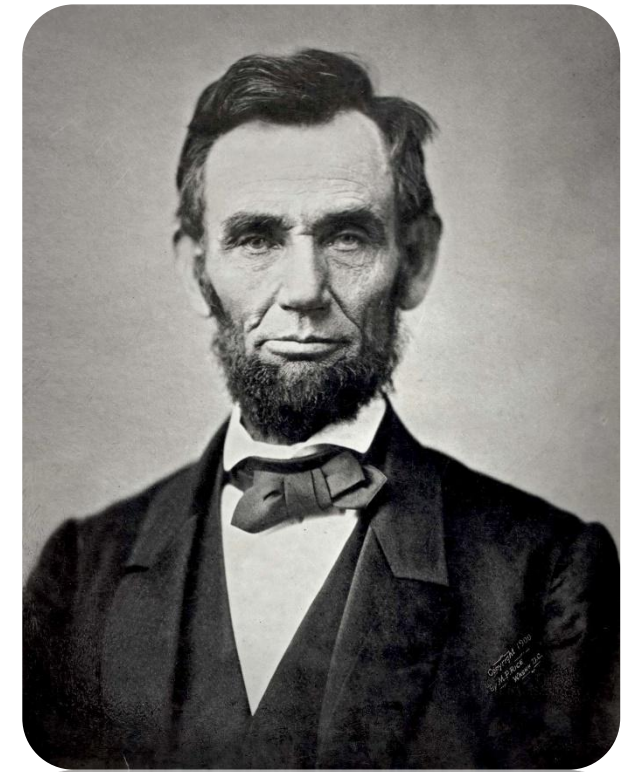
Plan

- The Road to War
- The War Years
- The South after War
- A New way of life
- The New South



The Road to War

- The election of 1860 – a divided country
- Abraham Lincoln – the Republican party
- The Northern states – on the side of Lincoln
- The Southern states –against him
- On December 20, 1860 – South Carolina voted to secede
- By February 1, 1861 – Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas
- On February 4, 1861 – the Confederate States of America
- Jefferson Davis – the President – inauguration in March 1861
- On April 12, 1861 – Fort Sumter
- April and June – Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia – 11 Confederate States



The War Years

- Robert Lee – commanded the Southern armies
- Supply uniforms, guns, bullets, bandages, food
- Women – aid societies
- Clara Barton – nursing services – founded the American Red Cross

- In June 1863 – Pennsylvania – Gettysburg – Cemetery Ridge
- George Pickett – the General of the Union forces

- On November 19, 1863 – dedicated cemetery to the fallen soldiers
- Gettysburg Address – this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth
- Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1863 – Ulysses Grant
- William Sherman – 1864 – destroyed farms, towns, plantations
- On April 5, 1865 – Grant captured Richmond
- On April 7 – Lee surrendered near Appomattox
- On April 14, 1865 – John Wilkes Booth shot the President



South after War

- In ruins
- Fields with cotton were overgrown with weeds
- 250,000 southerners died
- homeless



A new way of life

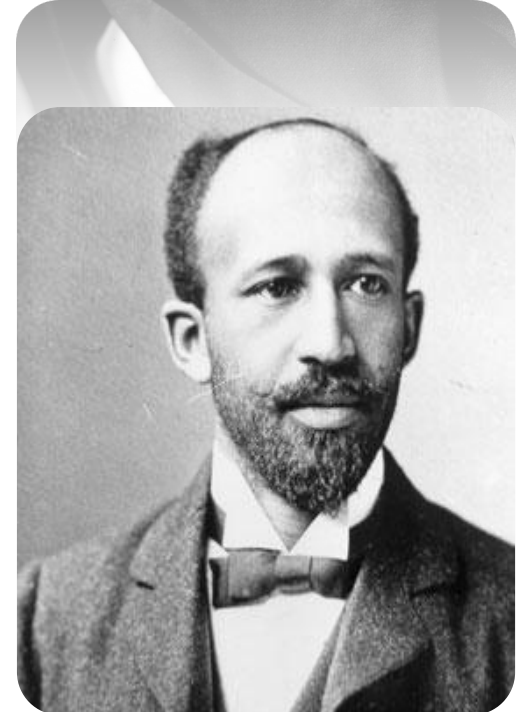
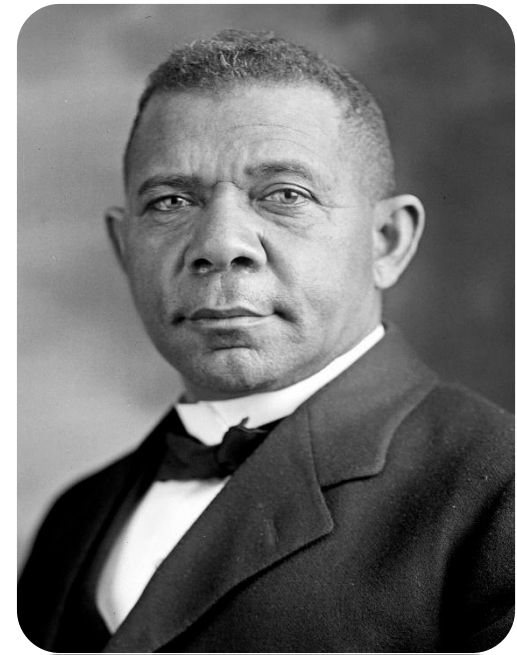
- Sharecropping – farmers rented land from landowners and paid their rent with a share of the crops which they grew
- The Freedmen's Bureau – 1865 – the Congress provided food, schooling and hospital care
- The Ku Klux Klan – 15th amendment – right to vote



The New South

- 1865-1877
- Jim Crow Laws – separate blacks from whites –
- segregation
- Booker Washington – 1881 – school in Alabama

- Du Bois – 1909 – the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP)



Questions

- Who was Abraham Lincoln?
- What did the presidential election of 1860 show?
- What did the seceding states call their new nation?
- Who was Jefferson Davis?
- How did the Civil War begin?
- Who was Robert Lee? Why did he reject President Lincoln's request to command the Union troops?
- Who was Clara Barton?
- What organization did Clara Barton found after the war?
- Who commanded the Union troops in the last period of the Civil War?
- When and how was President Lincoln assassinated?
- What was sharecropping?
- What was the Ku Klux Klan?
- What were the Jim Crow Laws?

