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Could You Rebuild a Nation? High School Civil War & Reconstruction Quiz

Was the post-war peace truly won? Identify 10 core facts about the military strategies and constitutional changes that reshaped the American landscape after 1865.

1. Which specific military strategy, employed by Admiral David Farragut, was instrumental in seizing the vital port of Mobile Bay for the Union?

- A. Total War through interior scorched earth
- B. Naval blockade and 'running the torpedoes'
- C. Guerrilla warfare in the mountain passes
- D. Trench warfare outside of Richmond

2. The 'Ironclad Oath' was a requirement proposed by Radical Republicans that would have forced Southerners to swear they had never voluntarily supported the Confederacy.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The primary purpose of the _____ Amendment, ratified in 1870, was to ensure that the right to vote could not be denied based on 'race, color, or previous condition of servitude.'

- A. Twelfth
- B. Thirteenth
- C. Fourteenth
- D. Fifteenth

4. During the Reconstruction era, the term 'Scalawag' was a derogatory label used to describe which group of people?

- A. Northern migrants who moved South for financial gain
- B. Former Confederate generals who refused to surrender
- C. White Southerners who supported the Republican Party and Reconstruction
- D. Free African Americans who ran for federal office

5. The Reconstruction Act of 1867 divided the former Confederate states into five military districts to be governed by Union generals.

- A. True
- B. False

6. In the 1860s, the economic system known as _____ became common in the South, where farmers worked land owned by others in exchange for a portion of the crops.

- A. Mercantilism
- B. Sharecropping
- C. Industrialization

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D. Collective Farming

7. Who was the first African American to serve in the United States Senate, representing Mississippi during Reconstruction?

- A. Frederick Douglass
- B. Hiram Revels
- C. Thurgood Marshall
- D. Booker T. Washington

8. The 'Anaconda Plan' was a Confederate strategy designed to lure Union forces into the deep South and cut off their supply lines.

- A. True
- B. False

9. The surrender of Robert E. Lee to Ulysses S. Grant took place at _____ Court House in April 1865, effectively ending the major fighting of the Civil War.

- A. Gettysburg
- B. Richmond
- C. Appomattox
- D. Antietam

10. Which specific event in 1862 motivated Great Britain to remain neutral rather than supporting the Confederacy as they had initially considered?

- A. The signing of the Pacific Railway Act
- B. The Union victory at the Battle of Shiloh
- C. The preliminary Emancipation Proclamation
- D. The assassination of Abraham Lincoln