



The Aftermath of War

Student Name _____ Date _____

Activity #1: The Conditions in the South at the End of the War

Directions:

Part I: Examine your group’s document closely and answer the following questions.

Question	Answer
Your document deals with conditions in which state?	
Who wrote this document?	
What is the subject of this document? What does it attempt to describe?	
What is the attitude of the author toward the subject matter?	
Consult the map interactive [temporarily located at http://civclients.com/nehint/recon/]. What do the two commentators (Gen. Green and Edward King) say that either supports or refutes what is said in your document?	

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<p>What do the pictures suggest life was like for people in states undergoing reconstruction?</p>	
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Part II: Next, go to the interactive [temporarily located at <http://civelients.com/nehint/recon/>]

First, examine the map titled “Total Population, 1860-1870” to answer the following questions.

Question	Answer
<p>Locate on the map the state that your document deals with. Describe its location. What states surround it?</p>	
<p>What is the total gain in population of your state during the 1860s?</p>	
<p>How would you characterize the gain of population in your state? Is it about average relative to the other states listed? Is it higher or lower?</p>	
<p>What problems do you imagine population growth or the lack of it (as the case may be) might have caused your state during reconstruction?</p>	
<p>What do the commentators in this interactive map say about the situation confronting the South at the close of the war? Is their assessment consistent with the evidence you have within your document?</p>	

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<p>What do the pictures tell you about the condition of your state with regard to population?</p>	
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Next, examine the map titled “Percentage of Blacks, 1870” to answer the following questions.

Question	Answer
<p>What is the percentage of blacks in the total population of your assigned state?</p>	
<p>How would you characterize the percentage of black population in your state? Is it about average relative to the other states listed? Is it higher or lower?</p>	
<p>Does this statistic seem dependent upon geography?</p>	
<p>What problems do you imagine this might have caused during reconstruction?</p>	
<p>What do the commentators in this interactive map say about the situation confronting the South at the close of the war? Is their assessment consistent with the evidence you have within your document?</p>	

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<p>What do the pictures tell you about the condition of your state with regard to the black population?</p>	
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Next, examine the map titled “Percent in change of Cash Land Values, 1860-1870” to answer the following questions.

Question	Answer
<p>By what percentage did Cash Land Values in your state change between 1860 and 1870?</p>	
<p>How would you characterize the cash land values of your state? Are they about average when compared to all the states listed? Are they higher or lower? Is the change dramatic or gradual?</p>	
<p>What problems do you imagine this may have caused during reconstruction?</p>	
<p>What do the commentators in this interactive map say about the situation confronting the South at the close of the war? Is their assessment consistent with the evidence you have within your document?</p>	
<p>What do the pictures tell you about the condition of your state with regard to Cash Land Values?</p>	

Examine the map titled “Capital Investment Change, 1860-1870” to answer the following questions.

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Question	Answer
By what percentage did capital investment in your state change between 1860 and 1870?	
Compared to other states on the map, is that about average? Is it more or less?	
What problems do you imagine this may have caused during reconstruction?	
What do the commentators in this interactive map say about the situation confronting the South at the close of the war? Is their assessment consistent with the evidence you have within your document?	
What do the pictures tell you about the condition of your state with regard to changes in capital investment?	

And, finally, examine the map titled “Railroad Mileage Change, 1860-1870” to answer the following questions.

Question	Answer
By what percentage did railroad mileage in your state change between 1860 and 1870?	

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<p>Compared to other states on the map, is that about average? Is it more or less?</p>	
<p>What problems do you imagine this may have caused during reconstruction?</p>	
<p>What do the commentators in this interactive map say about the situation confronting the South at the close of the war? Is their assessment consistent with the evidence you have within your document?</p>	
<p>What do the pictures tell you about the condition of your state with regard to the railroads?</p>	

Part III: Conclude this activity by discussing these questions within your group and answering them together:

Question	Answer
<p>What specific statistics can you now cite that may help explain the attitudes exhibited by the author of your document?</p>	
<p>What do you think it will take to make the author of your document believe that reconstruction is progressing?</p>	