

# The End of Reconstruction

## Chapter 3 – Section 4



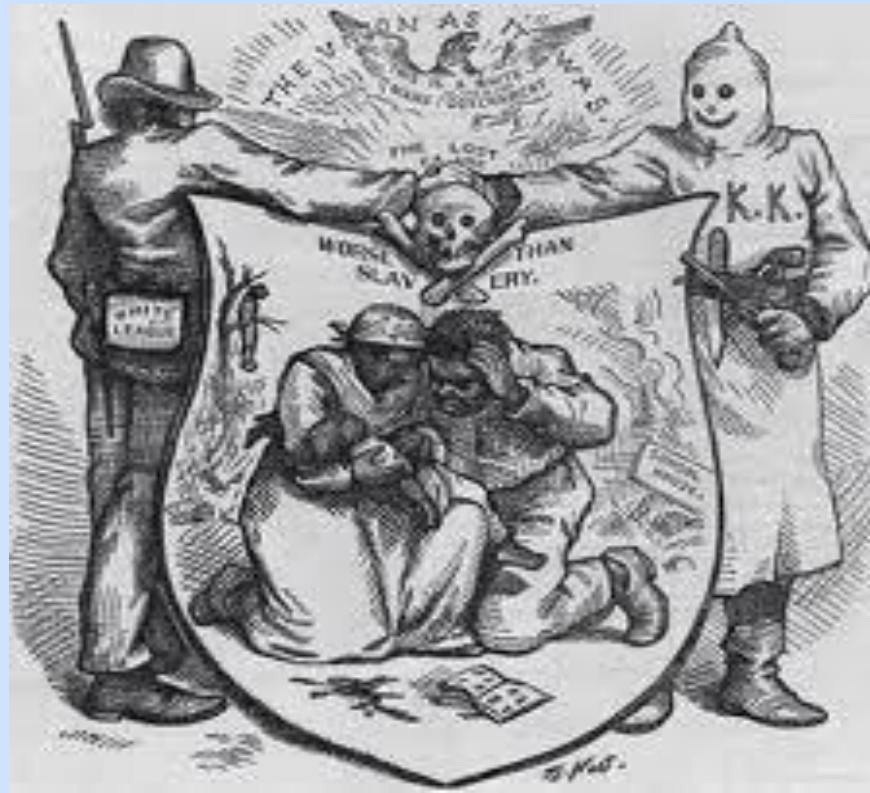
# The KKK

- Formed in 1866
- Mostly ex-confederate officers and plantation owners who had been excluded from rejoining politics



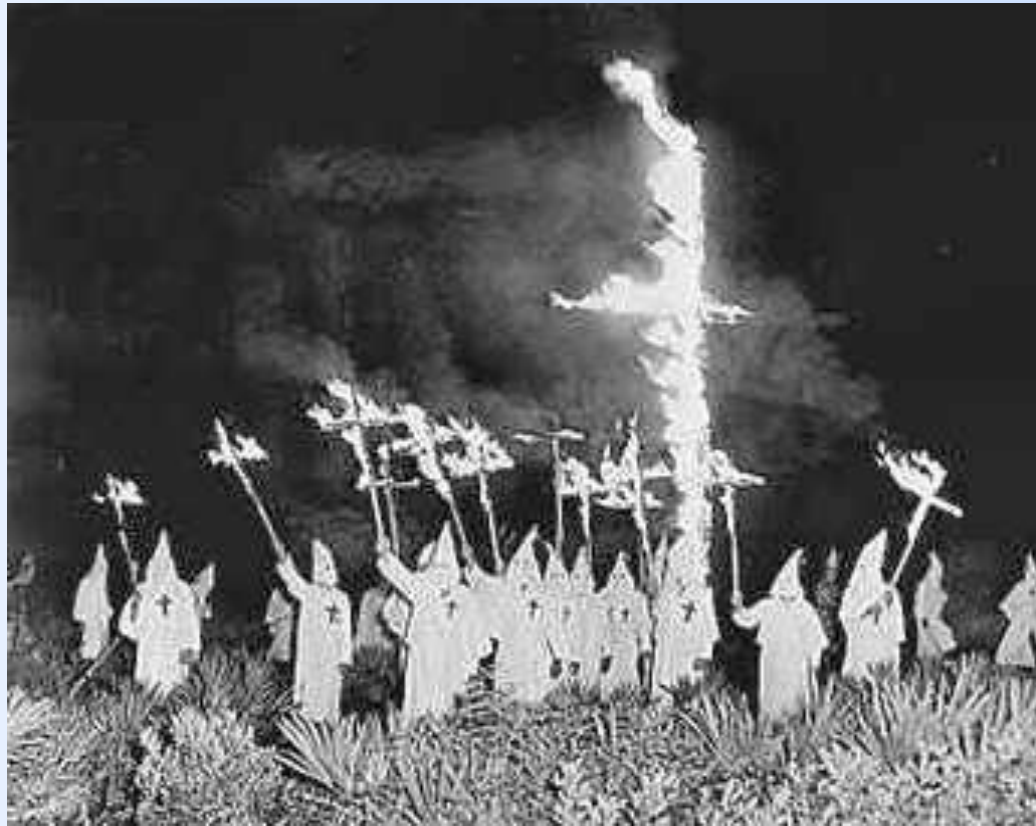
# Beliefs and Goals of KKK

- To defend the superiority of whites against the “inferior race”
- To keep blacks in submissive role using fear and intimidation



# Tactics

- KKK appeared hooded and robed, burning crosses in yards
- Used torture, kidnapping and murders



# Federal Government's Response

- Passed laws essentially banning the KKK
- Worked at first, but as troops withdrew from the South they reappeared



# 5 Reasons for end of Reconstruction by mid-1870's

- Heavy taxes & spending put South in deeper debt
- It symbolized corruption, greed, and ineffective government
- Southerners retook control of state govt. after federal troops withdrew and they blocked many Reconstruction policies

# Continued...

- Northerners didn't fully support racial equality
- Economic downturn in 1873 took focus away from equal rights

# The Solid South

- New group of southern democratic voters who reversed many reforms under Reconstruction





# Compromise of 1877

- Disputed election gave Presidency to Hayes (Republican) in exchange for all federal troops out of the South
- Gave control of southern politics to democrats and essentially ended Reconstruction



# 5 Successes of Reconstruction

- It restored the Union
- It repaired the South
- Helped economies of both North & South
- Gave rights to African Americans
- Created mandatory public schools in South

# 6 of its Failures

- Blacks remained powerless and in cycle of poverty
- Southern state govt.'s and KKK denied blacks right to vote
- Racist attitudes continued in both North and South

# Continued...

- South's economy slow to industrialize (and continued to lag behind the North)
- Reconstruction left bitterness (of southerners to the Federal Govt.)
- Didn't address needs of other powerless groups (like women, farmers, and workers seeking safer conditions)

# Angry Women

- Many women stood with the Radical Republicans and supported abolitionists and rights for blacks, but weren't given the same rights themselves



# Chapter 3 Test Review

- Complete the *Key Terms* (#1-10) on p.146
- Next, Complete the *writing assignment* about the successes and failures of Reconstruction
  - Alternatively
- Complete the *Comprehension* questions (#1-9) on p.146