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North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction

Section 5: African Americans during Reconstruction

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. After the Civil War, _____ across North Carolina were freed.
2. For a time, thousands lived in _____ run by the Union army.
3. Because the _____ kept them in a form of slavery, African Americans actively sought to gain their _____.
4. They established the North Carolina _____ League to advance their interests. Later, they formed an _____ association to build schools and worked through the Freedman's Bureau to _____ them.
5. The _____ was a federal agency set up by Congress in 1865 to provide _____, clothing, shelter, and _____ for the former slaves.
6. An _____ black church life was also begun. The African _____ (A.M.E.) Church was organized in the state.
7. African Americans often formed their _____ and institutions in the face of great _____.
8. To gain better _____, black leaders became active in the _____ Party once it was established in 1867.
9. Counties in the east where blacks were a _____ always sent black _____ to Raleigh during Reconstruction.

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10. In the _____, black representatives continually tried to _____ the interests of blacks struggling to get over slavery.
11. Despite the _____ of the Klan, black _____ of the peace held courts and did their duties until the _____ of 1875 gave the legislature the power to _____ them with whites.
12. Most _____ never had the time or opportunity to participate in public life. They had to struggle to _____ the problems left over from slavery and still make a _____ for themselves and their families.
13. Since _____ was scarce after the war, the landowner and the _____ often split the proceeds from selling the crop raised on the _____ land. The arrangement came to be called _____.
14. Most North Carolina black families quickly became _____ during _____.
15. If the rent took all the _____, then the sharecropper got nothing that year.
16. Many black families did little more than _____ _____ . In some counties in the east, black _____ were the majority of farmers by the 1870s.