

Rebuilding Florida

Read for the problems Florida faced after the Civil War.

SS.4.A.5.2 "Summarize challenges Floridians faced during Reconstruction."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three different challenges Floridians faced during Reconstruction, and number them 1, 2, and 3. Circle words or phrases that show why each challenge made rebuilding hard.

Florida After the War

- ① After the Civil War ended in 1865, Florida began Reconstruction. The state had to create new laws and rebuild its government. Former Confederate leaders and newly freed African Americans disagreed about who should have political power. Federal officials watched changes in the state. Floridians faced the hard work of building a government that followed new national rules.
- ② The war had damaged Florida's economy. Many farms needed repairs, and some roads and railroads were in poor shape. Before the war, enslaved people had been forced to do much of the farm labor. After freedom, workers wanted wages and more control over their work. Farmers struggled to find workers and pay them while trying to grow crops again.
- ③ Reconstruction also brought danger and conflict. Freed African Americans sought schools, land, fair treatment, and the right to vote. Some white groups used threats and violence to stop Black citizens from voting or taking part in government. These attacks made communities less safe. Floridians had to work through disagreements about rights, safety, and leadership while the state tried to rebuild.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What government challenge did Floridians face during Reconstruction?

2 How did the end of enslavement make rebuilding farms difficult?

3 Why did threats and violence make Reconstruction harder for Black citizens?

4 Summarize two challenges Florida faced during Reconstruction.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence news brief set in 1868. Name three challenges Florida faced during Reconstruction, and explain how each challenge made rebuilding difficult.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three different challenges Floridians faced during Reconstruction, and number them 1, 2, and 3. Circle words or phrases that show why each challenge made rebuilding hard. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What government challenge did Floridians face during Reconstruction?	They had to rebuild the government and deal with disagreements about who should have political power.
2	How did the end of enslavement make rebuilding farms difficult?	Farmers had to find and pay workers because freed workers wanted wages and more control over their work.
3	Why did threats and violence make Reconstruction harder for Black citizens?	Threats and violence made communities less safe and tried to stop Black citizens from voting or taking part in government.
4	Summarize two challenges Florida faced during Reconstruction.	Answers should name and briefly explain any two passage challenges, such as rebuilding government, repairing the economy and farms, finding paid workers, or protecting Black citizens' rights and safety.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In 1868, Florida was rebuilding after the war. Leaders had to make a new government while people argued about political power. Farmers needed to repair farms and hire paid workers. Threats against Black voters made communities less safe and made it harder for citizens to take part in government.

Accept equivalent summaries that identify challenges stated in the passage and explain their effects. For the news brief, look for three accurate challenges and a clear explanation of how each affected rebuilding.