

Texas Transformed

Trace political, economic, and social changes after war.

7.5.C “explain the political, economic, and social effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each political effect, circle each economic effect, and number each social effect. Political effects involve government or voting, economic effects involve jobs, money, land, or production, and social effects involve daily life, education, or communities.

Texas After War

- ① **Political effects involved government and voting.** During the Civil War, Texas sent soldiers and supplies to the Confederacy. When Confederate rule collapsed in 1865, federal troops arrived and enforced laws. Federal troops supervised changes in the state. **Social effects involved daily life, education, and communities.** On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom in Galveston. Freed people could leave plantations, search for relatives, establish churches and schools, and build independent communities across Texas.
- ② **Economic effects involved jobs, money, land, and production.** After freedom, many Texans faced a changed economy. Formerly enslaved Texans no longer worked without pay, but most did not receive land. Many families made labor contracts for wages or became sharecroppers, farming an owner's land for a share of the crop. Store credit often covered food and tools until harvest. High prices and low crop earnings could leave sharecroppers in debt. These work arrangements kept many Black and poor white Texans dependent on landowners.
- ③ **Political effects also reshaped Texas government and voting.** Texas adopted a new state constitution in 1869. It changed rules for elections and expanded state government. Congress readmitted Texas to the Union in 1870 after the state ratified the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. The Thirteenth Amendment had already ended slavery nationwide in 1865. The Fifteenth protected Black men's voting rights. Black Texans voted and held offices, though intimidation and violence limited these rights. In 1873, voters chose opponents of Reconstruction to lead state government.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What political effect occurred when Confederate rule in Texas collapsed in 1865?

2 Explain how sharecropping and store credit could leave a family in debt.

3 Name one social effect of freedom for formerly enslaved Texans. Use a detail from the passage.

4 How did Reconstruction change politics for Black Texans, and what limited that change?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences explaining one political effect, one economic effect, and one social effect of the Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas. Include a different passage detail in each sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What political effect occurred when Confederate rule in Texas collapsed in 1865?	Federal troops arrived, enforced laws, and supervised changes in the state.
2	Explain how sharecropping and store credit could leave a family in debt.	Sharecroppers depended on an owner's land and often used store credit for supplies. High prices and low crop earnings could leave them owing money after harvest.
3	Name one social effect of freedom for formerly enslaved Texans. Use a detail from the passage.	Answers may include that freed people could leave plantations, search for relatives, establish churches and schools, or build independent communities.
4	How did Reconstruction change politics for Black Texans, and what limited that change?	The Fifteenth Amendment protected Black men's voting rights, and Black Texans voted and held office. Intimidation and violence limited these rights.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Politically, federal troops enforced laws after Confederate rule collapsed, changing who held power in Texas. Economically, sharecropping could leave families in debt because they depended on an owner's land and store credit. Socially, freedom allowed formerly enslaved Texans to reunite with relatives and establish churches, schools, and independent communities.

Accept equivalent effects supported by the passage and correctly sorted by category. For the open response, check for exactly three sentences, one effect in each category, and accurate supporting details.