

# American Terrorists

The Ku Klux Klan

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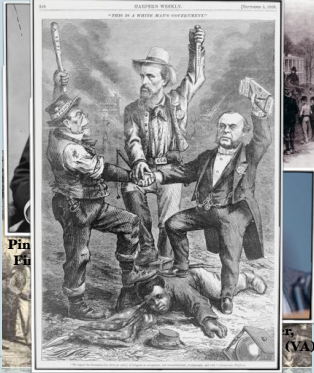
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## Blacks in Politics

- ❖ Republicans in Congress want to *disenfranchise* S. White Dems, and *enfranchise* Blacks
- ❖ 3 New Amendments:
  - ❖ 13th Amend. -
  - ❖ 14th Amend. -
  - ❖ 15th Amend. -
  
- ❖ Blacks enter into politics
- ❖ By early 1870s...
  - ❖ *Redeemers* re-enter politics
  - ❖ Southern Dems. pass "Black Codes" - keep emancipation just short of slavery




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## Southern Politics



- ◇ Political opportunism in the South:
  - ◇ → N. opportunists who rushed the South for pol/econ opportunities
  - ◇ → S. white Republicans, most had opposed secession



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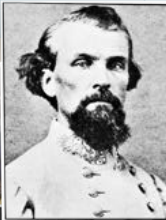
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## White Terror

- ◇ Social Terrorism
  - ◇ 1866, TN → formation of KKK
  - ◇ ghosts of the Confederate soldiers terrorize blacks, carpetbaggers, and scalawags
- ◇ Results? → 1877-1900, Reign of political and social terror in South
  - ◇ over 2,000 lynchings
- ◇ Political Terrorism
  - ◇ 1877 → Federal troops pull out of the South
    - ◇ allow (white supremacy)
  - ◇ Voting qualifications → literacy tests, poll tax, Grandfather Clause (1896)
  - ◇ Private businesses can segregate if "separate but equal"



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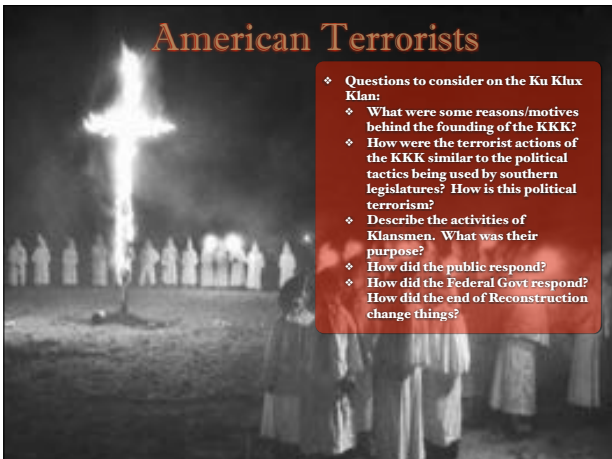
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## American Terrorists

- ◇ Questions to consider on the Ku Klux Klan
  - ◇ What were some reasons/motives behind the founding of the KKK?
  - ◇ How were the terrorist actions of the KKK similar to the political tactics being used by southern legislatures? How is this political terrorism?
  - ◇ Describe the activities of Klansmen. What was their purpose?
  - ◇ How did the public respond?
  - ◇ How did the Federal Govt respond?
  - ◇ How did the end of Reconstruction change things?



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