

Zinn Assignments 9_3

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Study Questions

1. What did the U.S. government do with abandoned plantations in the fallen Confederacy?
2. Analyze the statement: "The American government had set out to fight the slave states in 1861, not to end slavery, but to retain the enormous national territory and market and resources."
3. What political conditions existed that provided for the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments?
4. Explain the significance of the "black codes."
5. To what extent did blacks assert their freedom in the years immediately following the Civil War? Provide evidence.
6. How does Zinn defend the increase in South Carolina's debt?
7. In what ways did the white Southern leadership use its power to deny rights of African Americans?
8. What role did the Supreme Court play with regard to African American rights in the years following the Civil War? Provide evidence.
9. Who was John Harlan and what were his views concerning the Supreme Court decisions that deprived blacks their rights?
10. In what ways did the South look to the national government for help?
11. Explain the significance of the election of 1876 on in the South.
12. How does Zinn justify the actions of Booker T. Washington?
13. To what extent did the conditions for African Americans in the post-Civil War South lead to migration?
14. How did W.E.B. Du Bois view the exploitation of blacks as part of a larger trend in the U.S.?