

The Reconstruction Acts

In 1867 the Republicans passed the Reconstruction Acts. These laws organized the southern states into five districts that were controlled by the military. A southern state was allowed back into the Union after it wrote a new state constitution that supported the Fourteenth Amendment and gave African American men the right to vote.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. Use a light color to shade the southern state that was not part of a military district.
2. Use a bright color to shade the state that was part of a military district and was located farthest west.

3. Outline the military district whose states were admitted into the Union all in the same year.
4. In the map legend, underline the military district that made up just one state.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Region** Which military district was made up of the most states? List these states.

2. **Location** Which southern state on the map bordered a disputed area? In which military district was this state located?

3. **Place** Which military districts included states that bordered the Gulf of Mexico?

4. **Drawing Conclusions** Why do you think Tennessee was the only state that was not part of a military district?

5. **Making Judgments** Why do you think that the military needed to control the southern states before they were readmitted into the Union?
