W.E.B. DU BOIS - BLACK RECONSTRUCTION IN AMERICA

CHAPTER 11 - THE BLACK PROLETARIAT IN MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA

QUESTIONS

1. A Question - It’s about the north’s compromises based on concerns with the South’s gains in Congressional seats with Black suffrage. Was it avoidable? Wise? Racist? Temporary?
2. Why did Dubois call Mississippi “a peculiarly typical state in which to study Reconstruction?”
3. How did the planter-capitalists class view labor and the newly free slaves?
4. Why did White Mississippi fight Reconstruction?
5. What were some of the tactics that White Mississippi used to overthrow Reconstruction?
6. What were the opticals that kept Blacks from controlling any of the Reconstruction governments?
7. What were the reasons for corruption in the government during Reconstruction?
8. During the Reconstruction era, was it the feeling of blacks to get even with whites for their conditions?
9. What was the impact of the Haiti Revolution on the US during Reconstruction?
10. Why was Louisiana slavery different from other southern slavery states?
11. What was the Democratic Party state platform in Louisiana that was adopted, and how it affected the freemen?

12) How did blacks view Louisiana’s smallpox plan and their freedom?

13) What was “The Southern Cross,” and what was their role during the

Reconstruction era?

14) What happens when the federal troops withdrew from Louisiana?

15) What role did whites in Louisiana have in the 1876 presidential election,

and what was the consequence of their involvement?

16) Violence against blacks in Mississippi and Louisiana was vast. What effect do you think this terrorism had on the freedom thoughts of blacks?

17) After reading Chapter 11 on black leadership during reconstruction in

Mississippi and Louisiana, how would you assess that leadership?

19) Did Louisiana have a caste system? If so, what would have been the

structure?

20) What was the struggle between the Planter class and Capitalist Class in

Mississippi and Louisiana?

21) What would be the critical reason for black and white labor to unite during

Reconstruction?

22) Mississippi and Louisiana have been conservative right-wing states for

decades. Do you think this was a result of what happened during the

Reconstruction era?