Give Me Liberty Chapter 15

Review Questions

1. In 1865, former Confederate general Robert Richardson remarked that “the emancipated slaves own nothing, because nothing but freedom has been given to them.” Explain whether this would be an accurate assessment of Reconstruction twelve years later.

2. The women’s movement split into two separate national organizations in part because the Fifteenth Amendment did not give women the vote. Explain why the two groups split.

3. Explain how important black families, churches, schools, and other institutions were to the development of African-American culture and political activism in this period.

4. Why did ownership of land and control of labor become major points of contention between former slaves and whites in the South?

5. By what methods did southern whites seek to limit African-American civil rights and liberties?

6. How did the failure of land reform and continued poverty lead to new forms of servitude for both blacks and whites?

7. What caused the confrontation between President Johnson and Congress over Reconstruction by 1877?

8. What national issues and attitudes combined to bring an end to Reconstruction by 1877?

9. By 1877, how did the condition of former slaves in the United States compare with that of freedmen around the globe?
**Freedom Questions**

10. After the Civil War, how did the definitions of freedom change for the nation, for the freedmen, and for southern whites?

11. Identify and explain the key elements of freedom according to former slaves.

12. In the text we see that “Reconstruction redrew the boundaries of American freedom.” How did these boundaries expand for some citizens but remain closed or restricted for others?

**Key Terms**

13. black families
14. the Freedman’s Bureau
15. sharecropping
16. crop-lien system
17. Black Codes
18. Civil Rights Bill of 1866
19. Fourteenth Amendment
20. “swing around the circle”
21. “waving the bloody shirt”
22. Fifteenth Amendment
23. literacy tests
24. *Bradwell v. Illinois*
25. carpetbaggers and scalawags
26. Enforcement Acts
27. Civil Rights Act of 1875
28. *Slaughterhouse Cases*
29. Redeemers
30. Bargain of 1877