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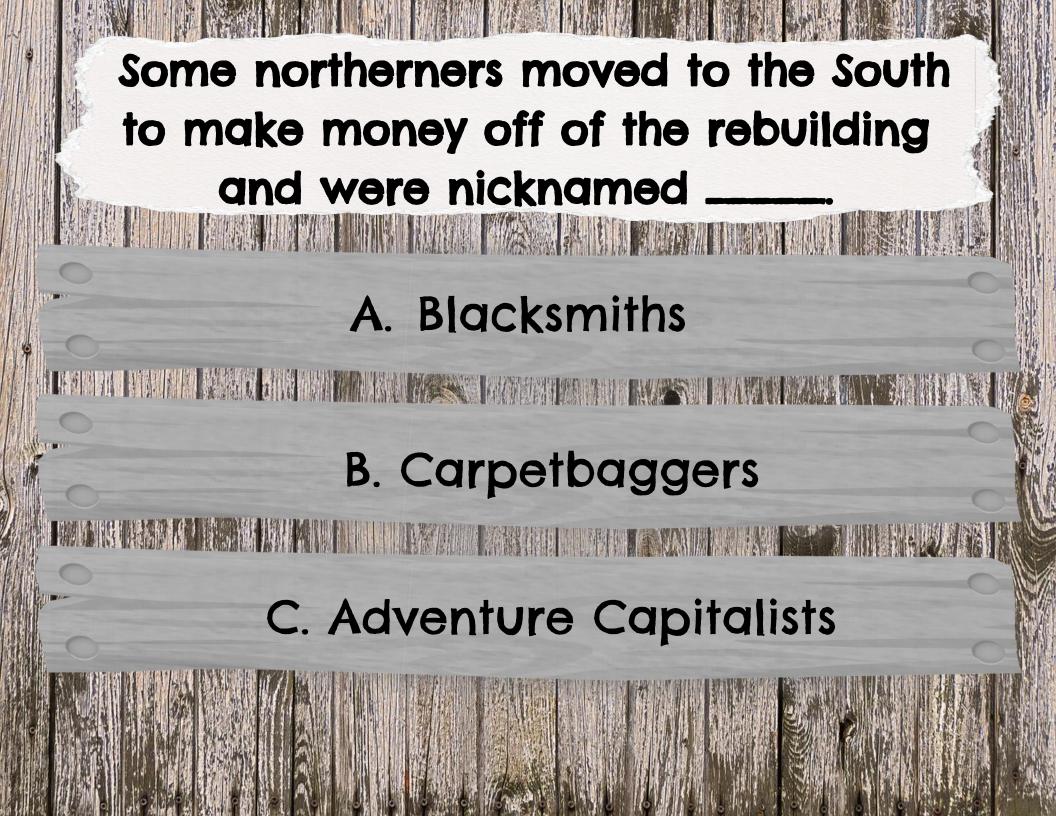




President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 with a future goal of ending slavery. Some believe that was the start of Reconstruction and restoration in the United States. The Reconstruction Era truly began at the end of the Civil War from 1865 to 1877. The goal was to rebuild the southern states.



Even though the South surrendered in the Civil War, they still disagreed with the North about the national government's role. Many southern states were destroyed during the Civil War. Plantations were burned down, crops were ruined and former enslaved persons were homeless. Some northerners moved to the South to make money off of the rebuilding. These people were nicknamed carpetbaggers.



The country turned to Abraham Lincoln to start the process of Reconstruction and rebuilding. The goal of Reconstruction was to reunify the Confederate and Union states. Federal troops were sent to the South to make sure laws were being followed and to prevent chaos or uprisings.

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