Answer Key

Virginia Rebuilds after the Civil War

The 15th Amendment gave black men the right to vote.

Suffrage is the right to vote.

After the Civil War, Virginia needed to write a new Constitution before the state was allowed to rejoin the United States. The federal government said that they new Constitution needed to:

1. outlaw slavery
2. prevent former Confederate soldiers and officials from holding office in Virginia again

In 1869, Virginians voted to approve their new Constitution.

- It allowed black men to vote and outlawed slavery.
- Former Confederate soldiers were allowed to hold office.

Who were Radical Republicans?

Radical Republicans were people with strong views. Many of them lived in the North. They believed that the South should be punished for allowing slavery and for the Civil War.

Who helped the South rebuild after the Civil War?

1. Carpetbaggers were northerners who came to the South. Many of them were greedy and took advantage of the South to make money.
2. The United States Army stayed in the South to promote order and to make sure that the Confederates did not try to start another war. They also helped the Freedmen’s Bureau.