**Study Guide Virginia and the Reconstruction**

**Lincoln’s Peace Plan**

• Near the end of the Civil War, what did Abraham Lincoln look forward to? Bringing the Southern states back into the Union

• Who spoke of “malice toward none” and wanted to work for a “just and lasting peace among ourselves”? Abraham Lincoln

• Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln? John Wilkes Booth

• Where and on which date was Abraham Lincoln shot? In Ford’s Theater on April 14, 1865

• Why did Congressmen argue and fight for power after the Civil War, which led to many years of malice between the North and South? Lincoln was killed and no longer in charge

**After the War—Hardship for Virginians**

• What was America’s most valuable treasure that the Civil War had destroyed? Its young people

• What do we call the period after the Civil War? The Reconstruction

**Reconstruction—A List of Problems to Solve**

• What did the U.S. Congress create to help freed slaves after the Civil War? The Freedmen’s Bureau

• What were five things that newly freed slaves needed? Housing, education, clothing, food and jobs (medicine can be a sixth)

• What kind of work training did many African Americans already have right after the Civil War? Farming

• What was the system that helped plantation owners with no money and freedmen who needed to work? Sharecropping

• What kind of city jobs could hard-working men find in Virginia after the Civil War? Building railroads, towns, and bridges

• What was a big change that Virginians had to get used to after the Civil War ended? The end of slavery

• What is another word meaning “to end”? Abolish

• During Reconstruction in Virginia after the end of the Civil War, to where did more people move to find more opportunities? The cities

• What ended with the Civil War? The Confederacy

• After the Civil War, Virginia had to work to rebuild its ruined land and what else? Its government

• What did each Southern state have to rewrite after the Civil War? Their state constitution

• On what date was Virginia re-admitted to the Union as part of the United States of America? Jan. 26, 1870

**Changes to the U.S. Constitution**

With which three amendments to the U.S. Constitution were African Americans guaranteed by law to be treated fairly? The 13th, 14th and 15th amendments

• Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants every U.S. citizen equal protection under the law? The 14th Amendment; It states that black people are citizens of the U.S.

• What does the 13th Amendment state? That slavery is illegal anywhere in the United States or its territories

• What does the 15th Amendment state: the 15th Amendment gives all male citizens the right to vote regardless of race.