Aim: To what extent did Presidential Reconstruction transform the South

Do Now: In your own words, Create a definition for the Reconstruction Era.
Reconstruction (1865-1877)

- Period following the Civil War
- Process of restoring the Southern states to their place in the Union that they held before the Civil War

Two Periods of Reconstruction

- Presidential (1865-66)
- Congressional (1866-77)
Freedman’s Bureau

• Agency that provided education, food, shelter, medical services and jobs to former slaves and poor whites
Presidential Reconstruction
(1865-6)

• Passed Freedman’s Bureau
• Lincoln assassinated
• Southern states satisfied requirements for readmission (10% plan)
• 13th Amendment Passed – abolished slavery

RESULTS
• Ex-Confederates elected to Congress
• Southern States pass “black codes” – greatly limited rights of blacks.
Assassination of Lincoln

• April 14, 1865
• Fords Theater in Washington D.C.
• By John Wilkes Booth (actor and Confederate sympathizer)
• Andrew Johnson becomes president