

US I Remote Learning 19

Objective:

Students will gain background on the first KKK and analyze a source.

Directions:

Part I- Background

Read this article:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/civil-war-era/reconstruction/a/the-first-kkk>

Answer these questions.

1. Who founded the first Ku Klux Klan?
2. It was supposedly a social club, but what was it really?
3. They committed many acts of violence. Who were their primary targets? (Identify two groups)
4. What political party of the time relied on the KKK to help them “win” elections?
5. How did they try to stop black people from voting?
6. How did they try to stop black people from becoming economically powerful?
7. What two laws were passed by the federal government to stop the KKK?
8. What happened to efforts to stop the KKK once Reconstruction ended?

Part II- Analyze a Source

Background:

This image was published by Thomas Nast, a famous Republican cartoonist, in 1874. He wrote this for a Northern audience, mainly Republicans.

In it, there is an armed KKK member and a White League member (the White League was a similar group) holding a skull over an African-American family. In the background behind the family is a lynching- a mob murder of a black person. There is also a burning school. In the foreground there is a discarded book and spilled ink.



1. What is the message of the source? In your response, you must include three details from the image.
2. This is drawn by a Northern Republican. Does that mean it's not a reliable source? Explain. (Hint: consider what we read in the article in Part I).
3. Explain how this image shows the goals of the KKK during Reconstruction.