## Reconstruction Ends in 1877

Reconstruction was ended by the federal government in 1877. By that time many people in the North were thinking that it was time to let the Southern states handle their own affairs once again.

The decision to finally end Reconstruction came as part of a compromise involving the presidential election of 1876.

Color the states of the South on the map, then draw arrows connecting the boxes below to show the sequence of events that ended Reconstruction.



## Election of 1876

The results of the voting in the presidential election of 1876 were so close that no winner could be determined.

Leaders in Congress had to decide the winner. They talked and argued for weeks.

## A Compromise in Congress

Leaders in Congress finally agreed to reach a compromise decision.

They said they would declare Rutherford B. Hayes the winner, if he would agree to end Reconstruction once he was sworn into office.

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As agreed, the new president issued an order in 1877 to bring all the federal troops out of the South.

The removal of the federal troops from the South marks the end of Reconstruction.



The removal of the federal troops was cheered by most white Southerners. Most African Americans in the South, however, were not happy about it. The military force that had given them protection for their rights as citizens and voters was now gone.

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