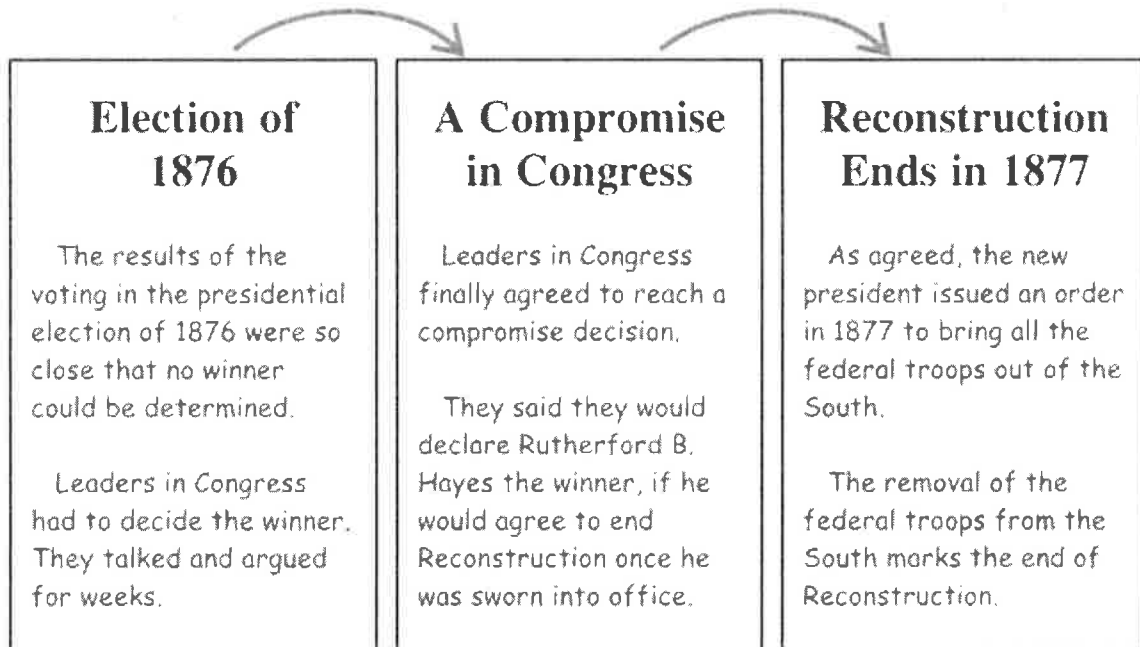


Reconstruction Ends in 1877

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.



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.