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**<http://college.cengage.com/history/us/resources/students/primary/blackcode.htm>**

**Louisiana Black Code** (1865)

After the region's slaves were freed, Southern communities passed laws called "black codes" to control black citizens. The first states to pass black codes were Mississippi and South Carolina; other Southern states soon followed. Exact provisions of these laws varied from state to state, but their effect was similar. Read the following provisions of a Louisiana parish's black codes and evaluate their impact.

**Questions**

1. What were the black codes?
2. In the table below summarize the 9 codes.

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1. Why were these black codes so restrictive?
2. Speculate about how these laws were enforced.

### <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-civilwar/5516>

### North Carolina Black Codes 1866

“Black Codes” were laws and constitutional amendments passed by former Confederate states after the Civil War as a way of maintaining white supremacy — the unquestioned rule of the South by whites. With these laws, whites tried to keep a system as close to actual slavery as possible. The laws on this page are excerpted from legislation passed by North Carolina’s General Assembly in 1866, when former Confederates had returned to power, before military reconstruction forced them out.

**Questions**

1. Summarize 4 sections of the North Carolina Black Codes.

**Radical Reconstruction**

The Black Codes were largely extinguished when Radical Republican Revolution efforts began in 1866-67.

Questions (Find your own source)

1. How did Radical Reconstruction Acts counter black codes? What were the short and long term impacts of black codes?