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| 1863: Emancipation proclamation | Freed slaves in the confederate states | November 1864 | Lincoln re-elected as president |
| 9 April 1865: | General Lee`s surrender Ended the American Civil War | 14 April 1865: | President Lincoln assassinated By John Wilkes Booth |
| 1865: 13TH Amendment | Abolished slavery in the USA | 1865 & 1866: Black Codes | Restricted the rights of African Americans in the southern states |
| 1866: Civil Rights Act | Gave African Americans citizenship and equal rights | 1867: Reconstruction Acts | Divided the Confederacy into military districts and granted new rights to African Americans |
| 1868: 14th Amendment | Guaranteed the civil rights given to African Americans in 1866 | 1870: 15th Amendment | Extended the vote to all male citizens regardless of race |
| 1875: Civil Rights Act | Guaranteed equal rights in public accommodation and transport | Compromise of 1877 | Saw the end of Reconstruction |
| Carpetbagger | A northerner who moved to the southern states during reconstruction | Reconstruction | The period 1865-1877 following the American Civil War |
| Andrew Johnson | President from 1865 to 1875 | 1876 | Disputed presidential election |