

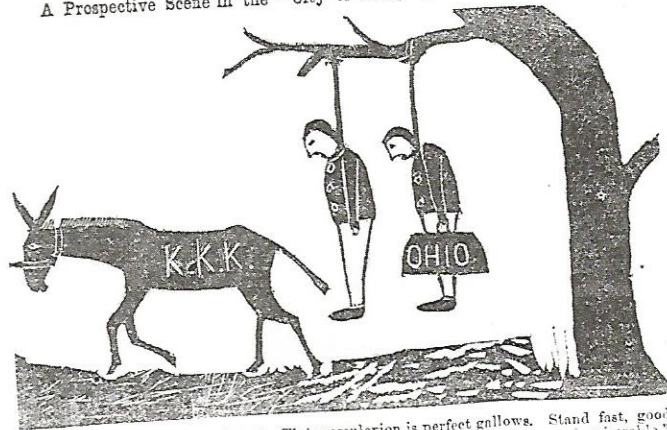
## TOPIC III

# Reconstruction

### DOCUMENT 12.11 | Anti-Reconstruction Cartoon, *Independent Monitor* 1868

After the war, Northerners—both independently and in organizations like the Freedmen's Bureau—traveled south to assist in the reconstruction of Southern society along lines of racial equality. These transplanted Northerners were derisively termed *carpetbaggers* by Southerners for the type of luggage they carried. Many Southerners who were sympathetic to emancipation also assisted in Reconstruction. They were called *scalawags* by their fellow Southerners. This political cartoon and public threat from the *Independent Monitor* of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, portrays a scalawag, a carpetbagger from Ohio, and a mule branded with the letters KKK (for Ku Klux Klan).

A Prospective Scene in the "City of Oaks," 4th of March, 1868.



"Hang, curs, hang! \*\*\*\*\* Their complexion is perfect gallows. Stand fast, good fate, to their hanging! \*\*\*\*\* If they be not born to be hanged, our case is miserable."

The above cut represents the fate in store for those great pests of Southern society—the carpet-bagger and scallawag—if found in Dixie's Land after the break of day on the 4th of March next.

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### PRACTICING Historical Thinking

**Identify:** What is the message of this picture?

**Analyze:** Who is the intended audience for this picture?

**Evaluate:** Using your knowledge of the time period, evaluate the extent to which Reconstruction efforts were aided or undermined by Northerners.