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## Reconstruction Ripple Effects Answer Key

Responses will vary, but should include:

### 1. Reconstruction Acts

Cause: Congress aimed to rebuild the South and protect rights of freedmen.

Effect: Former Confederate states were required to follow new rules to rejoin the Union.

Extended Effect: More African Americans participated in politics and voting.

### 2. Civil Rights Act of 1866

Cause: Laws like Black Codes limited freedoms of formerly enslaved people.

Effect: Guaranteed citizenship and legal protection for African Americans.

Extended Effect: Helped support future civil rights laws.

### 3. Military Districts

Cause: Violence and resistance in Southern states affected the safety of freedmen.

Effect: U.S. troops enforced new rights and laws.

Extended Effect: Some stability improved, though many Southerners resented military control.

### 4. 14th Amendment

Cause: Freedmen needed their rights clearly recognized by law.

Effect: African Americans became citizens with equal protection.

Extended Effect: Federal government had more power to stop discrimination.

### 5. Enforcement Acts

Cause: Groups like the KKK tried to scare African Americans away from voting.

Effect: Government punished those using violence to block civil rights.

Extended Effect: Temporarily reduced attacks and protected voting rights.