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| Topic | Lincoln’s Plan-MODERATE | Johnson’s Plan-LENIENT | Congress’s Plan-STRICT |
| Consequences for the South? | Confederate military and civil leaders would lose property and the right to vote. | Wealthy southern landowners were not allowed to take the oath of allegiance. Everyone else who took the oath was pardoned. | Establish 5 military districts in the south in order to enforce the new amendments, keep peace, and protect from the KKK. |
| What to do with Confederate state legislators? | Elect new legislators and rewrite the state constitutions | Elect new legislators and rewrite the state constitutions | Elect new legislators and rewrite the state constitutions |
| Who could be forgiven (pardoned) and let back into the USA? | Those who took the oath of allegiance to the USA, except the Confederate officers and government officials were not forgiven. 10% of each state required to take the oath in order to rejoin the Union. | Those who took the oath of allegiance to the USA. Confederate officers and government officials must ask the President for a pardon. 50% of each state required to take the oath in order to rejoin the Union. | No pardon granted for Confederate officers |
| What plans were in place for slaves? | Free them from slavery with the 13th amendment. Nothing beyond that. | Free them from slavery with the 13th amendment. Nothing beyond that. | Allow African Americans to become citizens and allow the African American men to vote. |
| New amendments introduced? | 13th | 13th | 13th, 14th and 15th |