**Chapter 16**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL RECONSTRUCTION**

* What role did the black codes play in shaping the course of reconstruction?
* What steps did Congress take between 1865 and 1869 to assist southern African Americans in their lives as freedmen? How effective were these actions?

**SOUTHERN RECONSTRUCTION IN ACTION**

* How did white Southerners respond during reconstruction? Consider both Democrats and Republicans in your response.
* How did southern African Americans attempt to shape their own lives during reconstruction?

**THE END OF RECONSTRUCTION**

* How and why did the decline of northern support for reconstruction help southern Democrats to “redeem” the South?
* Why did white supremacy become the foundation of southern politics in the 1870s?

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* How did long-held racial views among whites, in both the South and the North, shape reconstruction?
* What were the lasting accomplishments of reconstruction? What were its most important failures?