

## ★ *Why Reconstruction Failed* ★

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### From Anthony M. Dignowity's 1865 leaflet

*"...centuries may roll by, ere it may again be possible to do the work, now is the time to do it effectually, nothing less but the political, and legal equality of all persons, and the introduction of free-labor will bring about true and lasting reconstruction of society of the South."*

- ***Dignowity is speaking here about Reconstruction. Was he right to say that Reconstruction needed to succeed quickly or else "centuries would roll by" before this would be possible again?***
- ***Do you think Dignowity's full plan, including free labor in the form of German settlers, could have brought about a "true and lasting reconstruction" of the South? Why or why not?***