**Sample Outline**

Chapter 14: Now That We Are Free

Reconstruction and the New South, 1863-1890

1. Preparing for Reconstruction

 a. Emancipation Test Cases – diverse responses to emancipation

 i. Sea Islands – freed slaves create new lives, reject cotton

 1. feds auction off land, cotton continues, blacks hired as wage labor

 2. Why? Racism, small farming backwards

 ii. Davis Bend – J. Davis’ family – blacks run plantation, allowed to keep land

 iii. LA – Miss. Valley – wage labor system instated, blacks protest

 b. Lincoln’s 10% Plan

 i. leniency towards South designed to keep peace

 ii. **plan = pardons for all who pledge allegiance (exception = high-ranking Confederates),**

 **once 10% of a state agree, state can be reestablished**

c. Radical Republicans Offer a Different Vision

 i. **Wade-Davis Bill: Radical Republicans want to punish Confederates,** **only reinstate once**

 **majority of state signs oath, high officials stripped of citizenship/vote/office-holding**

 1. Lincoln pocket-vetoes

 ii. 13th Amendment - January 1865

 iii. **Freedmen’s Bureau** established – social welfare for south