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8.87 Explain the movement of both white and black Northern entrepreneurs (carpetbaggers) from North to the South. (C,E,P)

Carpetbaggers get the name from the type of old fashion travel bags they flung a few clothes in as they moved south. Carpetbaggers were Northern entrepreneurs hoping to profit from the rebuilding of the South after the Civil War. Many of these were former Union soldiers who had fallen in love with the South’s rich land during the Civil War. Some carpetbaggers were well-educated and middle class northerners who hope to purchase land or lease a plantation with southern whites. These carpetbaggers saw themselves as helping the South reform, while many Southern whites thought of them as opportunist trying to get rich on the Southern misfortune. The white southern republicans who joined the carpetbaggers were called “scalawags,” who took advantage of political openings and were also trying to get rich quick. Some carpetbaggers were corrupt, while others were working as teachers, merchants, or other businessmen.
1867 - The Carpetbaggers

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