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OVERVIEW Section 2: Southern Society

Southern Society & Culture

Southern Plantations

Yeomen & poor whites

Free African Americans & discrimination

Key Terms & People:

Yeoman – farmers who had few or no slaves

Planters – large scale farmers who own 20+ slaves

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Southern society and culture consisted of four main groups:

Planters, Yeomen, Poor Whites and African Americans

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 - Even fewer families had plantations.
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- Other social groups included yeoman farmers, poor whites, African Americans

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White Social Groups in the South

Planters

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Yeomen

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Poor Whites

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A Southern Plantation

commercial crops: cotton and rice (low-lying areas, such as coastal areas and along major rivers, with lots of water)

food crops: corn, potatoes, peas, pumpkins, and vegetables from the garden

Plantation House – _____

Slave Cabins – _____

Cotton-Ginning Shed – _____

Other Buildings - _____

Other Aspects of Southern Society Religion

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Urban Life

- Many southern cities were on the Atlantic Coast and began as shipping centers.
- City governments built water systems and maintained streets. Some provided public education.
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Free African Americans in the South faced a great deal of discrimination

- More than 250,000 free African Americans lived in the South in 1860, in both urban and rural areas.
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- Many governments passed laws limiting the rights of free African Americans—
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