My Top Secret Plan for Reconstruction

Mr. Southerner, do you want to return to the good graces of Union living?...Read on “Reb”
Issue 1: Steps to Reestablish the Loyalty and Trust of Individual Southerners

To regain full U.S. citizenship rights, each Southerners must recite and sign the following Confederate Oath of Loyalty to the United States:

I ______________________________ do solemnly swear to…

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Signed ___________________________ Date ____________________

Are any types of former Confederates automatically excluded permanently from full citizenship rights, even if they take the oath?

List of types:
Issue 2: Steps for bringing about the readmittance of the former states of the Confederacy to the national government

To be considered for readmission to the Union as a member in good standing and for the return of all rights associated with this (representation in Congress, etc.) each of the member states of the Confederacy must first successfully meet the following conditions:

• 1.
• 2.
• 3.
• 4.
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• 6.
• 7.
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Some Considerations to help you come up with specific requirements
Should a certain minimum percentage of each states population have to have taken the Loyalty Oath before beginning the process of applying for state readmission to the Union? All whites or just Confederate soldiers need to take the oath?
Does the state first need to ratify a new state constitution? Doing or saying what?
Are any particular people (groups of people) permanently excluded from politics?
Are there any other types of penalty or punishment the state should have to adhere to before attempting to be readmitted to the Union?
Issue 3: Plans to make a smooth transition to freedom for 4 million human beings recently released from bondage

Some possibilities you make want to take into consideration

Should the freedmen be provided with direct forms of aid and assistance (land, money, a home, etc.) to give them a “start”? Are there any rules that Southern states must agree to or abide by in their treatment of the freedmen in order to be treated as “members in good standing” within the Union?