

Benchmark: E1

Selected Response Prompt: How did farming in the South change following the Civil War? Give an example to support your answer.

Sample Response:

2-The plantation system did not have the resources to produce the amounts they did before the war. Many plantations had been destroyed and the soil ruined.

1-Many plantations had to be divided.

0-No response

Other possible answers:

Former slaves moved away. Sharecropping became a way to do farming. Farmers had no money or credit to get seeds and tools to keep farming. Many owners had been killed in the war and who owned the land took time to sort out. Cotton production required many hands to pick. Many former slaves moved west and north.

