

III The Ku Klux Klan. (KKK)





After the American Civil War some white people in the southern states started the Ku Klux Klan, a terrible organization.

The members of the KKK believed strongly that white people were better than all other races. They believed that black people were the lowest of the low. They did not want them to have any power in the US. They wanted total segregation of the races.

They wore white clothes with tall pointed hats.

They took the law into their own hands: if a black man or woman did something which the KKK did not like, its members killed them and they made sure that they were not punished for their crimes.

Since the 1950s there have been fewer killings in the southern states, but in some places the KKK still has many members.

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