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Reconstruction Amendments

— Primary Source Reading —

Thirteenth Amendment

Section 1

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude,
except as a
punishment for crime whereof the party shall
have been duly convicted, shall exist within

Section 2

Congress shall have power to enforce this ar-
ticle by



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1. Circle at least three challenging or unfamiliar words from the amendment.
2. Choose two of the words you circled.

Word 1:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

Word 2:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

3. Summarize either Section 1 or Section 2 in your own words, and describe why that section is important.



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Fourteenth Amendment

Section I

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any



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4. Circle at least three challenging or unfamiliar words from the amendment.
5. Choose two of the words you circled.

Word 1:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

Word 2:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

6. Summarize this section of the amendment in your own words, and describe its importance.



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Fifteenth Amendment

Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



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7. Circle at least three challenging or unfamiliar words from the amendment.
8. Choose two of the words you circled.

Word 1:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

Word 2:

What do you think it means?

What word or words from the text give you a clue?

9. Summarize Section 1 in your own words, and describe its importance.
