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Reconstruction Amendments

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Answer Key

3. Summarize either Section 1 or Section 2 *[of the Thirteenth Amendment]* in your own words, and describe why that section is important.

Answers will vary but should mention the significance of ending slavery throughout the country (Section 1) or giving Congress power to enforce that slavery is illegal (Section 2).

6. Summarize this section *[of the Fourteenth Amendment]* in your own words, and describe its importance.

Answers will vary but should mention that this section gave former slaves US citizenship and granted them legal protections.

9. Summarize Section 1 *[of the Fifteenth Amendment]* in your own words, and describe its importance.

Answers will vary but should mention that this section prohibited states from denying the right to vote because of a person's race or if the person had been a slave.