

**Document A: The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments (Modified)**

*The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> amendments to the United States Constitution are sometimes called the "Reconstruction Amendments." They were passed in order to abolish slavery and to establish the rights of former slaves.*

**13<sup>th</sup> Amendment: 1865**

**Section 1.** Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

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**14<sup>th</sup> Amendment: 1868**

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction (laws) thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they

