

The 14th and 15th Amendments

Instructional Objectives

1. TLW compare and contrast Johnson's plan of reconstruction and the more radical plan that Congress would later enact.
 2. TLW evaluate the provisions of the 14th and 15th Amendments and describe the impact they had on society.
- 8.4.spi.1. identify the rights, responsibilities, and privileges of a member of the United States of America (i.e., Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitution, Bill of Rights).
 - 8.4.spi.4. recognize the rights and responsibilities of individuals throughout the development of the United States.
 - 8.4.spi.9. analyze the contributions of Tennessee political leaders on the national scene (e.g. Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, James K Polk, Sequoyah, Sam Houston).

Starter

Display an illustration of a black man voting. Ask students to comment on what they think is happening in the illustration and how those in the illustration feel about it.

Instruction

1. Review the previous day's material, the 13th Amendment and the impact it had on the South. The students should understand that slavery was abolished.
2. Introduction to the 14th and 15th Amendments.
 - Divide students into four groups and have them turn in their textbooks to page 247. Assign each group a section of the 14th Amendment to read and summarize. Each group will choose one person to share their summary. Then give each group a "What Do You Think" question that relates to their section and time formulate a response.
 - Ask a student to stand and read the 15th Amendment from page 248. Ask students why they think the 15th Amendment was necessary. Help students to understand that it took away states' option of denying voting rights to African Americans and ensured that African Americans in both the North and South would be allowed to vote.
3. Power Point on Radical Reconstruction and the 14th and 15th Amendments

Closure

1. What was President Johnson's plan for Reconstruction Called?
2. How did Johnson's plan for Reconstruction differ from the more radical plan that Congress enacted?
3. List the provisions of the 14th and 15th Amendments.
4. What impact did the 14th and 15th Amendments have on the American society/culture?