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# The Reconstruction Amendments

After the Civil War, the Reconstruction amendments laid the foundation of rights for former slaves. Read the language of each amendment, and then rewrite the amendment in your own words.

## THE 13<sup>th</sup> Amendments

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

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## THE 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments

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.

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## THE 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments

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

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