

NEW RIGHTS GIVEN

- I. Reconstruction Amendments

- A. This refers to the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments which were passed after the Civil War and during Reconstruction.

- B. They had important effects on society, especially the lives of African Americans.

THE 13TH AMENDMENT

- "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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- II. 13th Amendment
 - A. It was **ratified** (**approved**) in 1865
 - B. It officially banned **slavery** in the U.S.

THE 14TH AMENDMENT

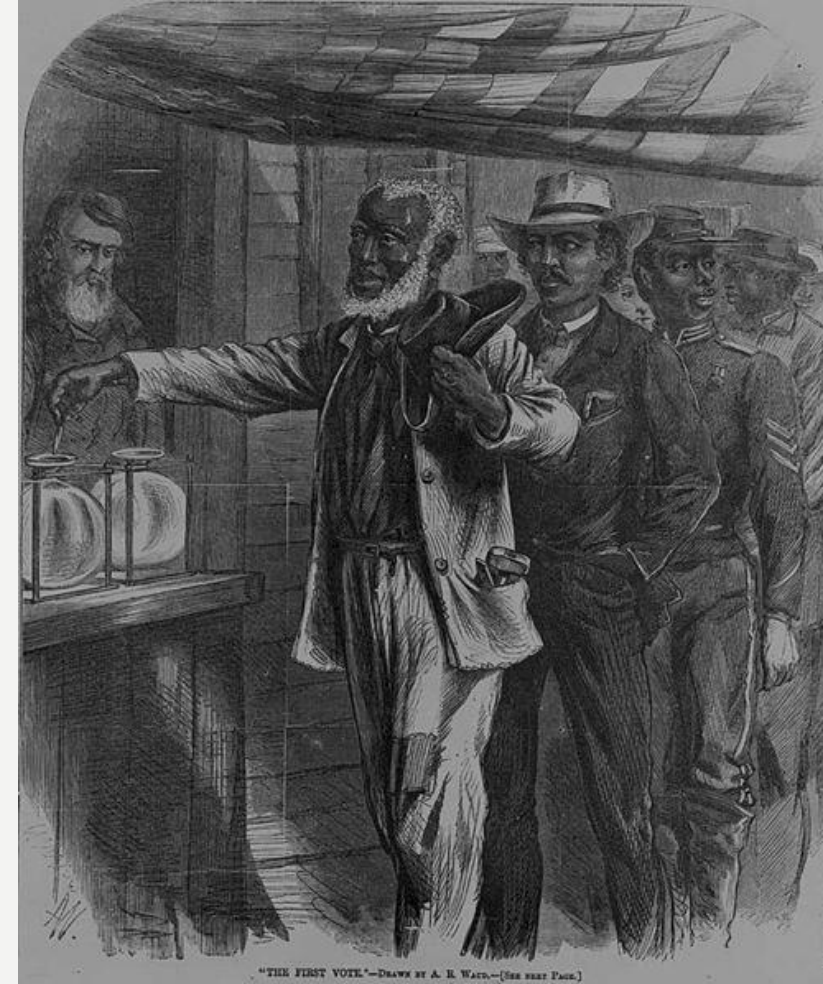
- “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are **citizens of the United States and of the State** wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the **privileges** or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor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

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- III. 14th Amendment
 - A. It was ratified (approved) in 1868.
 - B. It provided **citizenship** to those **born** in the U.S. or **naturalized**.
 - C. It promised **fairness** of the law and **equal protection** for all.

THE 15TH AMENDMENT

- “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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- IV. 15th Amendment

- A. It was ratified (approved) in 1870.

- B. This guaranteed the right to **vote** no matter the **race**.