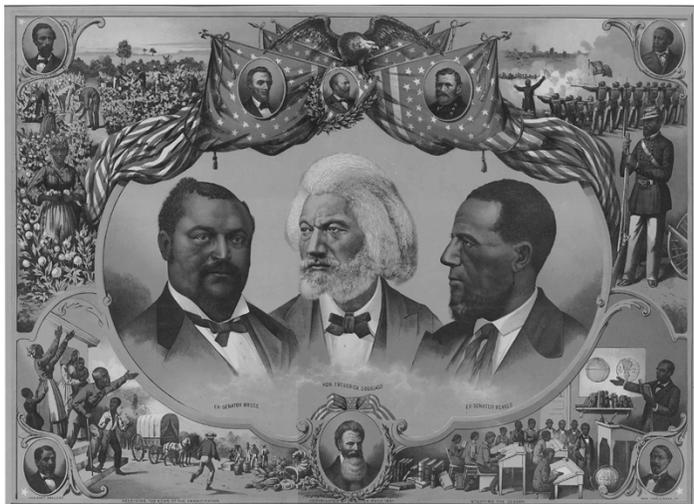


## Lesson #105

### Amendments

With the intent of protecting the rights of African Americans while increasing the power of the federal government, Congress acted to amend



Nineteenth Century African American leaders. With the passage of the 13–15th Amendments, African Americans were able to take an active role in government.

the Constitution of the United States. First proposed in 1864, but not ratified until 1865, the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery throughout the country. Three-fourths of the states ratified this amendment. Southern states were required to ratify as a condition for reentering the Union.

The Fourteenth Amendment gave citizenship to African Americans. They would now be protected by the rights that protect all citizens. Most southern

states refused to ratify until doing so was made a condition for reentry into the Union. This was followed in 1870 by the Fifteenth Amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote. Many men, who were recently granted citizenship and the right to vote, ran for local and state offices. For the first time, African Americans began to take an active role in the government of their country.

1. Congress enacted the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution to accomplish two goals. These goals were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to increase the power of the federal government
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to give women the right to vote
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the rights of African Americans by giving them citizenship
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to block southern states from re-entering the Union
2. Which two words mean about the same?

amend      vote      ratify      change

3. Match each amendment with its clue.

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| ___ Thirteenth Amendment | A) gave citizenship to African Americans       |
| ___ Fourteenth Amendment | B) gave African American men the right to vote |
| ___ Fifteenth Amendment  | C) abolished slavery throughout the country    |

4 – 10. These phrases apply to the Northern or Southern army or both. Place the letter of each phrase in the correct space on the Venn Diagram. (Lessons #101–102)

- A) had to start a draft to get more soldiers
- B) had use of the United States Navy
- C) had more rail lines
- D) victorious at Fort Sumter
- E) had more factories for building weapons
- F) was known as the Union army
- G) had a strategy to end the fighting and win the war quickly
- H) had excellent generals such as Robert E. Lee
- I) had many casualties
- J) was fighting to preserve the Union
- K) was known as the Confederate army
- L) won the Battle of Antietam
- M) was victorious at the First Battle of Bull Run
- N) won the Civil War

### Comparing the Northern and Southern Armies

