

CONSTITUTION 101

Module 14: Battles for Freedom and Equality: Modern Battles

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INTRODUCTION TO THE 14TH AMENDMENT

The 14th Amendment's powerful language transformed the Constitution forever. In this activity, you will analyze the text of the 14th Amendment, break down its key parts, and explore the big ideas enshrined in its text.

Read and mark up Sections 1 and 5 of the 14th Amendment. Summarize the big ideas for each section in one or two sentences. Consider significant words, key ideas, or words you need to define.

Discuss as a class.

Section 1

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.

Section 5

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

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Read the text of your assigned clause and the relevant Common Interpretation essay in the *Interactive Constitution*.

Fill out the following chart for your assigned clause. Be prepared to share your clause with the class.

Text of 14th Amendment	Name of clause	Big idea of the clause	Three words from the text that you highlighted or underlined	Notes
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.	Citizenship Clause Read the Common Interpretation			
No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States;	Privileges or Immunities Clause Read the Common Interpretation			

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nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;	Due Process Clause Read the Common Interpretation			
nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.	Equal Protection Clause Read the Common Interpretation			
The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.	Enforcement Clause Read the Common Interpretation			