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My name is

Clarklisto

I meet for Clarklisto during the Block

Morning

My topic is centered around the _____ Amendment

14th

My source(s) is (are)

[Certification of Hiram Rhodes Revels of Mississippi January 15, 1870](#)

[Hiram R. Revels Biography.com](#)

My theme is: (cut a paste ONE of the four below)

- Freedpeople experienced fear and violence by people trying to keep them down
- Freedpeople's voting rights were limited
- Freedpeople were not given the means to advance in society
- Freedpeople's economic opportunities were limited.

- Freedpeople's experienced some power through politics **

** note this is NOT one of your themes-we wanted to show that the amendments were sometimes enforced AND we didn't want to give you answers.

In the box below type your SUMMARY so your listeners understand your articles/topic. You may want to include and fascinating aspect of what you read to heighten interest.

Hiram Revels was the first black Senator in our country's history. He was certified by Governor James Lynch on January 25, 1870. Although a Senator serves for six years, Revels decided to step down after one so he could run a black college. It was fascinating that Revels was a free black in the south during slavery and fought in The Civil War for the North. After the war, he returned to his home state of Mississippi and, during the early parts of Reconstruction, was chosen to represent the state. Revels, fought hard for black rights, particularly opportunities in education for southern blacks.

In the box below explain how your topic is connected to your amendment. This explanation SHOULD use direct language from your amendment to help demonstrate that the Amendment was NOT being followed.

When Revels was selected to run for Senator, white Democrats argued he was not a citizen and therefore could not run. With the ratification of the 14th Amendment, he was defined as a citizen and that allowed him to successfully run. Also, with blacks having the right to vote, Revels received massive support and was elected. Revels' election shows the true spirit of the 14th Amendment because he was treated as a "citizen" and the state of Mississippi could not "deny him" that right.

In this last box reflect on all that you have learned about your topic. Appeal to your audience by explaining your personal reaction as a US Citizen. Be sure to explain your reaction.

I was happy to learn that an African-American male who fought in the Civil War and wanted to help freedpeople had the right to do so. Unfortunately, I know that blacks participating in government and being leaders in Southern states was short-lived. Sometimes it seems that promises given seem to be taken back in this country, this is something America is working through.