Analyzing the 14th Amendment

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Go to:

https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/amendments/amendment-xiv

Read Section 1 of the 14th Amendment and answer these questions:

1. What does Section 1 say about "citizenship"?

2. List the things that states cannot do according to Section 1 of the 14th Amendment.

Read Section 2 of the 14th Amendment and answer these questions:

3. In the original Constitution (1787), enslaved persons only counted as 3/5ths of a person. How does Section 2 of the 14th Amendment address this?

4. Using your mouse, hover over the highlighted section. How did the 26th Amendment change part of Section 2?

Read Section 3 of the 14th Amendment and answer these questions:

5. According to this section, who is prohibited from serving in Congress?

Read Section 4 of the 14th Amendment and answer these questions:

6. Why was Section 4 of the 14th Amendment necessary? What was Congress trying to accomplish? (You might have to look this up if you can't understand the legal language that is used.)

Read Section 5 of the 14th Amendment and answer these questions:

7. Explain why this section of the 14th Amendment is referred to as the ENFORCEMENT CLAUSE.

If you have time and you are taking the AP Gov Exam on May 1st, I would suggest that you read some of the articles below Section 5 on the website to better understand ***the Interpretations & Debates*** *regarding each section.*