

**WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE?
VOTING RIGHTS TIMELINE
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Date: _____

Directions: Read the text to understand how voting rights changed through amendments to the U.S. Constitution. For each time period, highlight the main idea of the text and then identify the groups of people that CAN and CANNOT vote during the time period.

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Date	Voting & Amendment Information	Who Can Vote?	Who Cannot Vote?
1788	The U.S. Constitution is adopted. States are given the power to regulate their own voting laws. In most cases, only white male landowners can vote.		
1865	The 13 th Amendment is ratified. <i>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.</i>		
1868	The 14 th Amendment is ratified. <i>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.</i> In section 2 a voter is defined as males, being at least twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States.		
1870	The 15 th Amendment is ratified. <i>SECTION. 1. 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.</i>		
1920	The 19 th Amendment is ratified. <i>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 sex.</i>		
1964	The 24 th Amendment is ratified. <i>SECTION. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.</i>		
1971	The 26 th Amendment is ratified. <i>SECTION. 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.</i>		

