



My Rights and Liberties:
SS.7.CG.3.6
Voting Rights
READING #1

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SS.7.CG.3.6 Benchmark Clarification 1: Students will recognize how these amendments expanded civil rights to African Americans, women and young people.

Amendment	Ratification Date	Rights Included in the Amendment
13 th Amendment	1865	This amendment made slavery unconstitutional in the United States.
14 th Amendment	1868	This amendment stated that anyone born in the United States was a citizen of the United States and that they had the same rights as any other citizen of the United States.
15 th Amendment	1870	This amendment stated that race could not be used as a reason for denying someone's right to vote.
19 th Amendment	1920	This amendment gave women the right to vote and made it unconstitutional to deny women the right to vote/ discriminate against women voting.
24 th Amendment	1964	This amendment said that poll taxes were unconstitutional and that failure to pay a poll tax could not be a reason to take away someone's right to vote.
26 th Amendment	1971	This amendment said that any United States citizen age 18 or older could vote. (Before 1971, the federal government and some states allowed only people who were 21 or older to vote.)

discriminate - to treat a person or group unfairly based on their race, religion, gender, disability, or other reasons

poll tax - a fee someone has to pay in order to vote

ratification - the process of formally approving something