

# **THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT**



- Meant to solidify the idea of the Emancipation Proclamation
- Passed BEFORE the Southern states returned to the Union
- Amendment that formally abolished slavery
  - "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall be duly convicted..."
  - ➢Passed by Congress 31 Jan 1865
  - ➢Ratified 6 Dec 1865

# FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

- Granted citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States"
  - Meant to give former slaves citizenship
- No state can deprive any person

of life, liberty, and property without due process of law

- Problem: Supreme Court ruled the
  Amendment did not extend the Bill
  of Rights to the states
- Ratified by 28 of the 37 states



## FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT



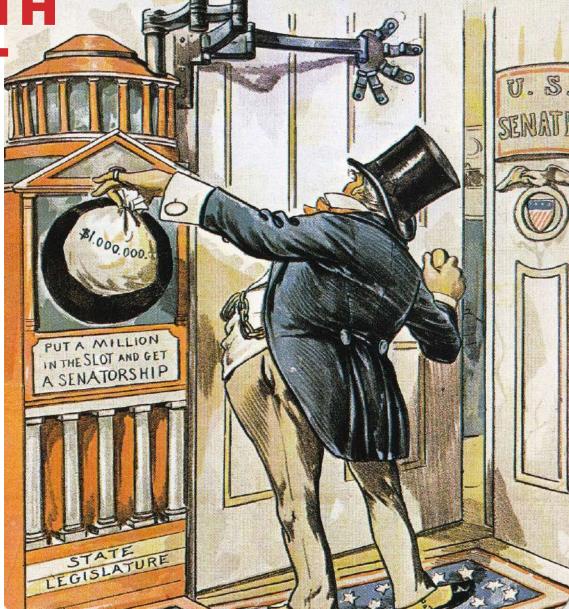
#### Gave all African American males the right to vote

African Americans held office in Southern states throughout 1880s but by 1890s, steps were taken for "white supremacy"

- Disenfranchised anyone whose ancestors did not vote
- 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson ruled "separate but equal" facilities for the races were legal
- "Jim Crow" segregation took hold in many states

### SEVENTEENTH AMENDMENT

- Popular election of Senators by the people
- Before the amendment was passed, the state legislators would appoint Senators to 6 year terms
  - Would give the people the ability to elect all their representatives



# NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

#### Gave all American women the right to vote

Beginning in the 1800s, women organized, petitioned, and picketed to win the right to vote, but it took them decades to

accomplish

18 August 1920

Tennessee
 became the 36<sup>th</sup>
 state to ratify
 the amendment



#### TWENTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT

- Made poll taxes and other taxes used to keep African Americans from voting illegal
- > Done to defend the spirit of the fifteenth amendment
  - Backed up by the Voting Rights Act (1965) signed into law by Lyndon B. Johns



### TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT

- Gave the right to vote to 18 year olds
- Ratified on 1 July 1971
  - Shortest ratification period in U.S. history
  - "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote"
  - Ended a debate that started during World War II but intensified during the Vietnam War
    - Draft helped



" HEY ! THERE GONNA TREAT ME LIKE A MAN !

