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Methods Presentation
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A freedman is sold to pay his fine for vacrancy in Monticello, Florida. Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 1/19/1867. Library of Congress.

Article XIII (adopted December 6, 1865)
Section 1. 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.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
The Zion School for Colored Children, South Carolina (1865)

Burning of a freedman's school in Memphis, Tennessee on May 2, 1866. Harper's Weekly

Article XV (February 3, 1870)

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.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
A freedman approaching the ballot box. Harper's Weekly, 10/21/1876. Special Collections, Binghamton University.

A freedman plows his leased land in South Carolina. Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 10/20/1866. Library of Congress.