**Voting Rights Timeline Assignment**

**Directions**: While reading, underline the text that helps you summarize the amendment that is being described. Write a complete sentence that summarizes the amendment or event. Based on the information provided, describe who can and cannot vote.

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| **Date** | **Voting & Amendment Information**  | **Summary of Text**  | **Who Can Vote?** | **Who Cannot Vote?** |
| 1788  | U.S. Constitution adopted. There is no agreement on a national standard for voting rights; states are given the power to regulate their own voting laws. In most cases, voting remains in the hands of white male landowners.  |  |  |  |
| 1865 | 13th Amendment 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. |  |  |  |
| 1868  | 14th Amendment 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. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. In Section 2 a voter is defined as males, being at least twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States.  |  |  |  |
| 1870  | 15th AmendmentSECTION. 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. |  |  |  |
| 1920  | 19th Amendment 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. |  |  |  |
| 1924 | Congress passes legislation that grants citizenship to all Native Americans born within the territorial limits of the country. |  |  |  |
| 1964  | 24th Amendment 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. |  |  |  |
| 1964 | The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination, or unfair treatment, of all kinds based on race, color, religion, or national origin. The act outlawed segregation in businesses such as theaters, restaurants, and hotels. It banned discriminatory practices in employment and ended segregation in public places such as swimming pools, libraries, and public schools. The law also provided the federal government with the powers to enforce desegregation. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 made it illegal to apply unequal voter registration requirements but did not get rid of literacy tests. |  |  |  |
| 1965 | The Voting Rights Act of 1965 banned race discrimination in voting practices by federal, state, and local governments. Despite the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870, African Americans in the South faced enormous obstacles to voting, including literacy tests (a reading test used to determine if someone was eligible to register to vote) and other restrictions that resulted in being unable to vote. |  |  |  |
| 1968 | The Fair Housing Act, was signed into law in April 1968. This act prohibited discrimination related to the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin and sex. This act was a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and is seen as the final great legislative achievement of the civil rights era. |  |  |  |
| 1971  | 26th AmendmentSECTION. 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. |  |  |  |