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The Constitution and Civil Rights

Constitutional Amendment 13

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.^[2]

Section 1:

Highlight the words in the first section that you know and understand.

Teacher will write those words on the board. Work as a class to paraphrase this section of the 13 Amendment. Building on what the children already know and using that as a foundation to build new knowledge.

Write down this paraphrased sentence on the board. Ask kids to write this down on their paper.

After working with your class, write down the meaning of this Constitutional Amendment.

Section 2

What role does congress have in our government?

(Ask this question of the students to set the purpose. Then give them the briefest of overviews of congress, making sure to cover the two points below. These will lead to the children making the connection between the necessity for rules in the classroom to the necessity for the laws of the nation.)

1. Stand up for and protect the people of the state they come from (represent).
2. Make laws for the country

How is the role of Congress similar and different from your teacher's role in the classroom?

(Venn diagram)