

## The 13th Amendment



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Amendment  
to the U.S.  
Constitution

The 13th Amendment bans slavery in the United States and in any of its territories.

This Amendment was proposed by Congress early in 1865, a few months before the end of the Civil War. It was approved later that same year.

Slavery is not allowed in the U.S. or any territory of the U.S.

Congress can pass laws to enforce this Amendment.

### Amendment 13

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.

Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*- from the 13th Amendment, ratified as part of the U.S. Constitution in 1865*

### *Did you know?*

The Emancipation Proclamation issued during the Civil War by President Lincoln (1862) ended slavery only in the parts of the South that were still fighting against the North. The 13th Amendment ended slavery everywhere in the U.S.