# African American Civil Rights



**1863**
The Emancipation Proclamation – President Lincoln frees slaves in Confederate states.

**1865**
The 13th Amendment abolishes slavery.

**1868**
The 14th Amendment guarantees citizenship to all people born or naturalized in the U.S., including former slaves.

**1870**
The 15th Amendment grants the right to vote for all male citizens, regardless of race.

**1896**
Plessy v. Ferguson – Supreme Court determines that segregation is legal using "separate but equal" argument.

**1890s**
Jim Crow laws are common in many Southern states and segregate black people from white people.

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