**Voting Rights Timeline**

**Directions:** Underline the text in the “Voting & Amendment Information” column that helps you summarize the text or event that is being described. Write a complete sentence that summarizes the amendment or event in the “Summary of Text” column. Based on the information provided, describe who can and cannot vote.

The gray boxes for 1964, 1965, and 1968 will be completed at the end of the activity after reading, “The Journey for Civil Rights”.

| **Date** | **Voting & Amendment Information** | **Summary of Text** | **Who Can Vote?** | **Who Cannot Vote?** |
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| 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 Amendment  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. |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | | | |
| 1965 |  | | | |
| 1968 |  | | | |
| 1971 | 26th Amendment  SECTION. 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. |  |  |  |

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