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The Impacts and Effects of Reconstruction in Texas

## Primary Source Analysis – the 13th Amendment

**Directions**: With a partner, examine the primary source excerpts below and answer the questions that follow.

**13th Amendment; United States Constitution**

Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865. The 13th Amendment changed a portion of Article IV, Section 2

**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.

***Analysis Questions***

1. What is the purpose of the 13th Amendment?

1. Based on the text of the Amendment, under what conditions is forced labor allowed?
2. What can you infer about the impact that this law will have on newly free people?
3. Make a prediction: How do you think this law will impact Texas following Reconstruction?