

# Slavery and the Constitution

**DIRECTIONS:** Locate each of the following constitutional provisions and explain how it could be read to protect (or not protect) the institution of slavery.

CONSTITUTION CITATION	CONSTITUTIONAL PHRASE	HOW DID THIS PROTECT (OR NOT PROTECT) SLAVERY?	HOW (IF AT ALL) WAS THIS AMENDED LATER?
1. THE PREAMBLE			This has not been changed.
2. ARTILCE I, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 3			Changed by Section 2 of the 14th Amendment.
3. ARTICLE I, SECTION 9, CLAUSE 1			Congress outlawed the importation of slaves in 1808.
4. ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 3			Changed by the 13th Amendment.
5. ARTICLE V			This provision has not been changed.
6. THE FIFTH AMENDMENT			This provision has not been changed. The Fourteenth Amendment applied a similar limit to states.
7. THE TENTH AMENDMENT			This provision has not been changed.

Was the Constitution (prior to the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery) a pro-slavery document?

**Mark the place on the scale that represents your response:**

The Constitution was written to ensure the end of slavery.

The Constitution was a pro-slavery document.