



Involuntary Servitude and the Constitution - Quiz

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Q1. What is the definition of involuntary servitude?

- A. Any form of work where the subject feels compelled to carry out the task against their will
- B. A system where workers are paid fairly for their labor
- C. A voluntary agreement between employer and employee
- D. A legal form of slavery

Q2. What does the 13th Amendment explicitly allow as an exception to involuntary servitude?

- A. Work carried out by those owing a debt to society
- B. Child labor in factories
- C. Unpaid internships
- D. Forced labor in private businesses

Q3. When was the 13th Amendment ratified?

- A. December 6th, 1865
- B. January 1st, 1863
- C. July 4th, 1776
- D. March 16th, 1995

Q4. What is peonage?

- A. A system where a subject is forced to work to pay off a debt
- B. A type of voluntary employment contract
- C. A form of government welfare
- D. A legal term for slavery

Q5. Which state was the last to ratify the 13th Amendment?

- A. Mississippi
- B. Georgia
- C. Alabama
- D. Texas

Q6. What did the Emancipation Proclamation primarily do?

- A. Abolished slavery in states that had seceded from the Union
- B. Freed all slaves in the United States
- C. Established equal pay for all workers
- D. Ended involuntary servitude nationwide

Q7. What is one current issue with involuntary servitude in prisons?

- A. Prisoners being underpaid or unpaid for their labor
- B. Prisoners being forced to enlist in the military
- C. Prisoners being denied access to education
- D. Prisoners being exempt from jury duty

Q8. Which case deemed it unconstitutional for former slaves to work for ex-owners without pay?

- A. Bailey v. Alabama (1911)
- B. Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857)
- C. Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
- D. Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

Q9. What is one argument for removing the loophole in the 13th Amendment?

- A. To prevent mistreatment of prisoners and unfair labor practices
- B. To allow for more compulsory military service
- C. To increase the number of jury duty exemptions
- D. To legalize certain forms of slavery

Q10. What does the 13th Amendment's second part grant Congress the power to do?

- A. Enforce the amendment through appropriate legislation
- B. Reinstate slavery in certain states
- C. Abolish all forms of involuntary servitude
- D. Override state labor laws

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A