**Transcript of 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Abolition of Slavery (1865)**

AMENDMENT XIII

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.

*Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865.*

**Directions:** After reading and annotating the text, answer the following questions below in your I.N. (Interactive Notebook) in complete sentences as well as using evidence from the text when necessary.

1. When is it legal to enslave a person, according the 13th amendment?
2. What does “involuntary servitude” mean? What other words or phrases help you to understand what this phrase means?
3. Who has the power to enforce this article or amendment?
4. When was this amendment ratified?
5. In your own words, what does the 13th amendment do?