**CIVIL & VOTING RIGHTS (p. 118-122)**

**A. Civil Rights** are rights that are guaranteed to all U.S. citizens (p. 118). Not all groups of people have had these rights protected throughout our nation’s history. Instead, these rights have been protected and expanded by new amendments gradually and throughout time.

Using your book, fill out the chart below by recording the year in which the amendment was ratified (or approved), which group(s) of people that it helped, and (briefly) what the amendment did. The first one is filled out for you as a model.

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|  | **Year Ratified?** | **Who did it benefit?** | **What did it do?** |
| 13th Amendment | 1865 | African-Americans | It banned slavery throughout the entire United States. |
| 14th Amendment | 1868 | African Americans | Citizenship & equal protection |
| 15th Amendment | 1870 | African American men | Gave African American men the right to vote |
| 17th Amendment |  |  |  |
| 19th Amendment |  |  |  |
| 23rd Amendment |  |  |  |
| 24th Amendment |  |  |  |
| 26th Amendment |  |  |  |

**B. Critical Thinking.** Now, using the timeline that you have filled out, and the reading from pg. 118-122, answer the following questions:

1) What is **suffrage**? (p. 119)

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2) Do you think that the right to vote should be extended to people ages 14 to 16? Why or why not?

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3) Which amendment do you think was the most important for advancing voting rights in this country? Why? Make sure to identify which groups benefited from the amendment and to cite evidence explaining why you think it was the *most* important one.

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4) If you were asked to write an amendment protecting or guaranteeing a civil right today, what right would your amendment cover? Why would you choose this? Write your amendment in several sentences:

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