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DOC – Expanding Rights for Citizens

Before you read….

* Identify groups of Americans who have been denied civil rights and/or voting rights throughout history.

African Americans, women, Asians, immigrants, LGBTQA+, disabled people

* What were some of the laws/policies in place that prevented these groups from gaining full citizenship rights?

Black codes and Jim Crow laws. Roe v Wade, marriage restrictions, poll tax, grandfather laws

Read *Civics in Practice*  p. 118-122

Vocabulary: Define the following.

civil rights – Rights guaranteed to all U.S. citizens

suffrage – The right to vote

poll tax – A tax a person has to pay to register to vote

Taking Notes: As you read, take notes on the amendments that extended civil rights and voting rights to Americans. Use a diagram like this one to organize your notes.

13th amendment – banned slavery

Civil

Rights

14th amendment – gave full citizenship to African Americans

19th amendment – allowed women to vote

15th amendment – no one can be denied to vote because of race or color

Voting

Rights

17th amendment – eligible voters of each state could choose their senators directly

Laws: Use page R12 to summarize each.

Civil Rights Act of 1964:

Prohibits discrimination based on skin color, sex, race, religion or origin. Allows for equal employment opportunities and prevents discrimination in public.

Voting Rights Act of 1965:

Banned voting discrimination based on race or color.

National Voter Registration Act of 1993: expanded voting rights, state governments must offer voter registration to an eligible person who applies for or renews a driver’s license or applies for public assistance