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“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.” Except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted. These few words placed within the thirteenth amendment of the United States Constitution provide a loophole through which unprecedented amounts of Black Americans today remain unfree. Today, black men make up 6.5 percent of the US population, yet 40.2 percent of the US prison population (DuVernay). As displayed in the documentary: *13th*, directed by filmmaker Ava DuVernay, the United States’ criminal justice system acts as an agent to dehumanize African Americans in American society and perpetuates the mass inequality