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Kids Britannica Voting Rights Act Guided Practice

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Instructions: Read the article and complete the guided practice.

- 1) In 1965 the United States enacted the _____ Rights Act.
- 2) It aimed to stop state and local _____ from passing laws that kept **African Americans** from **voting**.
- 3) The _____ **Amendment** (1870) to the **U.S. Constitution** granted African American men the right to vote.
- 4) It guaranteed that the **right to vote** would not be denied “on account of _____, color, or previous condition of servitude.”
- 5) In some states of the former **Confederacy**, African Americans made up a _____ portion of the voters.
- 6) Some white leaders used _____ and fraud to keep African Americans from registering to vote and from voting.
- 7) As whites regained power in state legislatures, they enacted legislation to disqualify African Americans from voting. These laws included _____ **taxes** (requiring people to pay a tax in order to vote), literacy tests, and whites-only primaries.



8) By the early 1960s, voter registration rates among African Americans were much _____ than among whites.

9) During the [civil rights movement](#), African American _____ worked to secure equal-rights legislation.

10) In the 1950s and early 1960s, _____ enacted laws to protect the voting rights of African Americans.

11) In _____ the [Civil Rights Act](#) was passed. It was intended to end discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

12) In 1965 President Johnson called for comprehensive _____ legislation to protect voting rights. The result was the Voting Rights Act.

13) The Voting Rights Act dramatically _____ the number of African American voters.