U.s. Constitution Excerpts

## Each of the following excerpts from the United States Constitution protect or maintain the system of slavery. With your group, read each excerpt and create a 1–2 sentence statement summarizing the excerpt.

Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 3: *“Representatives [in Congress] … shall be [determined for each state] … according to their [population], which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons… three fifths of all other persons.”*

Summary:

Article 1, Section 9, Paragraph 9: *“[The] Importation of such Persons… shall not be [banned] by the Congress [before] the Year [1808]…”*

Summary:

Article 2, Section 1, Paragraph 2: *“[The President of the United States shall] be elected, as follows:*

*Each state shall appoint… a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Congress…”*

Summary:

Article 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3: *“No persons held [in slavery] in one state, under the Laws [of that state], escaping into another [state], shall, [by] any Law [in the other state], be [freed] from [slavery], but shall be delivered up on Claim of the [slave owner] to who such Service or Labour may be due.”*

Summary: