

## 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:**