

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 I, Section 2, Clause 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 I, Section 9, Clause 1: *“[The] Importation of such Persons... shall not be [banned] by the Congress [before] the Year [1808] ...”*

Summary:

Article II, Section 1, Clause 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 IV, Section 2, Clause 3: “No person 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 whom such Service or Labour may be due.”

Summary: