

The Fourteenth Amendment

The Fourteenth Amendment required states to grant citizenship to all people born or naturalized in the United States, and it promised equal protection of the laws to all citizens. As with all new amendments to the Constitution, the Fourteenth Amendment had to be passed by both houses of Congress. This occurred on June 13, 1866. Then the amendment had to be ratified, or approved, by three-quarters of the states.

The following table shows the date that each state ratified the Fourteenth Amendment. Use this information and the map on the following page to complete the Map Activity and answer the questions that follow.

State	Date Ratified	State	Date Ratified
Alabama	July 13, 1868	Missouri	Jan. 25, 1867
Arkansas	April 6, 1868	Nebraska	June 15, 1867
California	May 6, 1959	Nevada	Jan. 22, 1867
Connecticut	June 25, 1866	New Hampshire	July 6, 1866
Delaware	Feb. 12, 1901	New Jersey	Sept. 11, 1866
Florida	June 9, 1868	New York	Jan. 10, 1867
Georgia	July 21, 1868	North Carolina	July 4, 1868
Illinois	Jan. 15, 1867	Ohio	Jan. 4, 1867
Indiana	Jan. 23, 1867	Oregon	Sept. 19, 1866
Iowa	March 16, 1868	Pennsylvania	Feb. 12, 1867
Kansas	Jan. 11, 1867	Rhode Island	Feb. 7, 1867
Kentucky	March 18, 1976	South Carolina	July 9, 1868
Louisiana	July 9, 1868	Tennessee	July 19, 1866
Maine	Jan. 19, 1867	Texas	Feb. 18, 1870
Maryland	April 4, 1959	Vermont	Oct. 30, 1866
Massachusetts	March 20, 1867	Virginia	Oct. 8, 1869
Michigan	Jan. 16, 1867	West Virginia	Jan. 16, 1867
Minnesota	Jan. 16, 1867	Wisconsin	Feb. 7, 1867
Mississippi	Jan. 17, 1870		

MAP ACTIVITY

1. Gather six highlighters or pens of different colors. With the first highlighter or pen, fill in the box next to "1866" in the map's key. Use the same highlighter or pen to shade the states in the map that ratified the Fourteenth Amendment in 1866. Use the table to find this information.
2. Use the second highlighter or pen to fill in the box next to "1867" in the map's key. Use the same highlighter or pen to shade the corresponding states in the map.

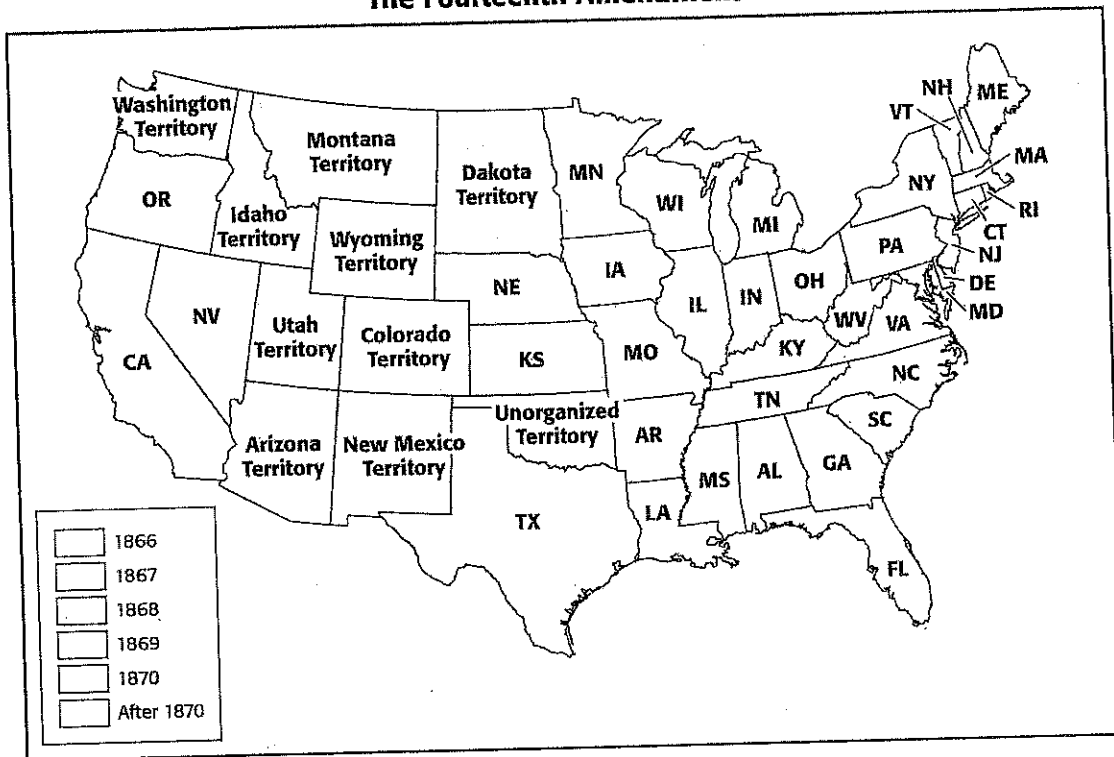
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3. Use the third highlighter or pen to do the same for "1868."
4. Use the fourth highlighter or pen to do the same for "1869."
5. Use the fifth highlighter or pen to do the same for "1870."
6. Use the sixth highlighter or pen to do the same for "After 1870."

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ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Analyze** How many states ratified the Fourteenth Amendment in 1867?

2. **Analyze** Which were the first and last states to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment?
On what dates did these states ratify the amendment?

3. **Analyze** How many states needed to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment for it to become law?

4. **Region** Congress declared the Fourteenth Amendment a part of the Constitution on July 21, 1868. How many states ratified the amendment after that date?
