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When slavery ended in 1865, a period of Reconstruction began, leading to such achievements as the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution. By 1868, all persons born in the United States were citizens and equal under the law. But efforts to create an interracial democracy were contested from the start. A harsh backlash ensued, ushering in a half century of Jim Crow.

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