

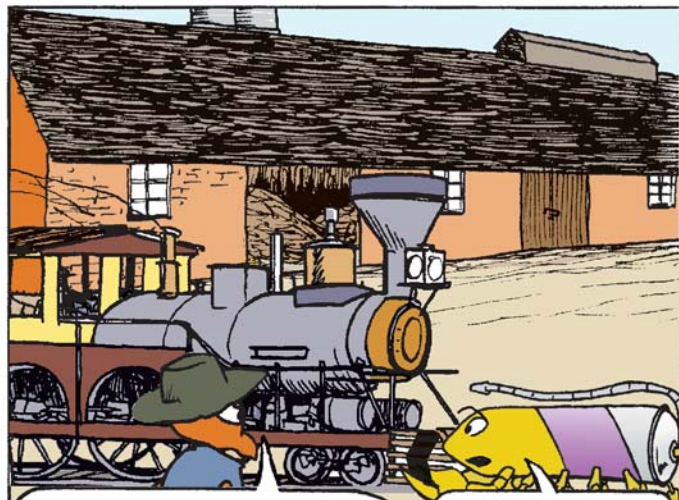
I AM SO GLAD THAT I KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION, ANTE! I GUESS WE CAN MOVE ON TO OTHER THINGS NOW!

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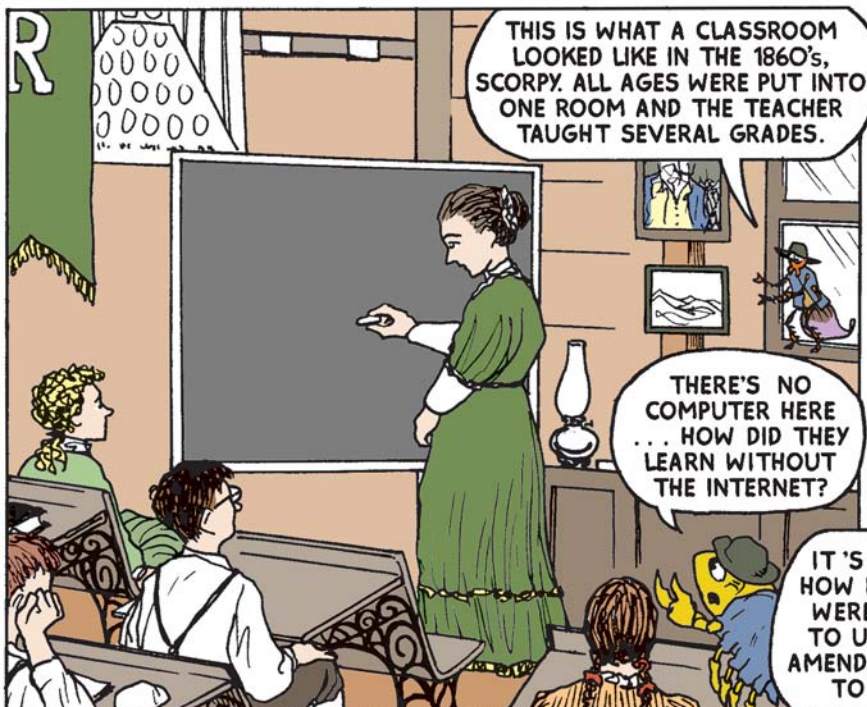
Hours
10:00 - 5:00

I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME SPECIFIC ADDITIONS TO OUR CONSTITUTION, SCORPY! I THINK, IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, WE SHOULD EXAMINE THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH AMENDMENTS. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY!



WE ARE BACK IN THE 1860's, SCORPY. AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE ARE NO CARS OR OTHER MODERN CONVENIENCES. LIFE IS VERY DIFFERENT IN THIS TIME!

IT CERTAINLY IS! I CAN'T GET ANY CELL PHONE RECEPTION!




THIS IS WHAT A CLASSROOM LOOKED LIKE IN THE 1860's, SCORPY. ALL AGES WERE PUT INTO ONE ROOM AND THE TEACHER TAUGHT SEVERAL GRADES.

THERE'S NO COMPUTER HERE ... HOW DID THEY LEARN WITHOUT THE INTERNET?

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW DIFFERENT THESE TIMES WERE, SCORPY. IT HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND WHY SOME AMENDMENTS HAD TO BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION.

I CAN'T WAIT TO KNOW WHY THE 13TH AMENDMENT WAS ADDED!







WHAT A BIG FIELD! THIS FARMER MUST NEED TWO TRACTORS TO HARVEST THIS TOBACCO!!




THIS FARMER DOESN'T HAVE A TRACTOR, SCORPY. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN INVENTED YET!





HOW DOES THIS FARMER HARVEST HIS CROPS, IF HE DOESN'T HAVE A TRACTOR?




THE ANSWER MAY SURPRISE YOU, SCORPY.




LOOK! THIS FARMER'S FRIENDS ARE HELPING HIM WITH HIS CROPS. THAT'S SO NICE OF THEM!



THEY ARE NOT FRIENDS OF HIS, SCORPY, THEY ARE HIS SLAVES. HE OWNS THEM JUST LIKE HE OWNS OTHER PROPERTY!



I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU MEAN, IN THE 1860'S, ONE HUMAN BEING COULD ACTUALLY OWN ANOTHER??



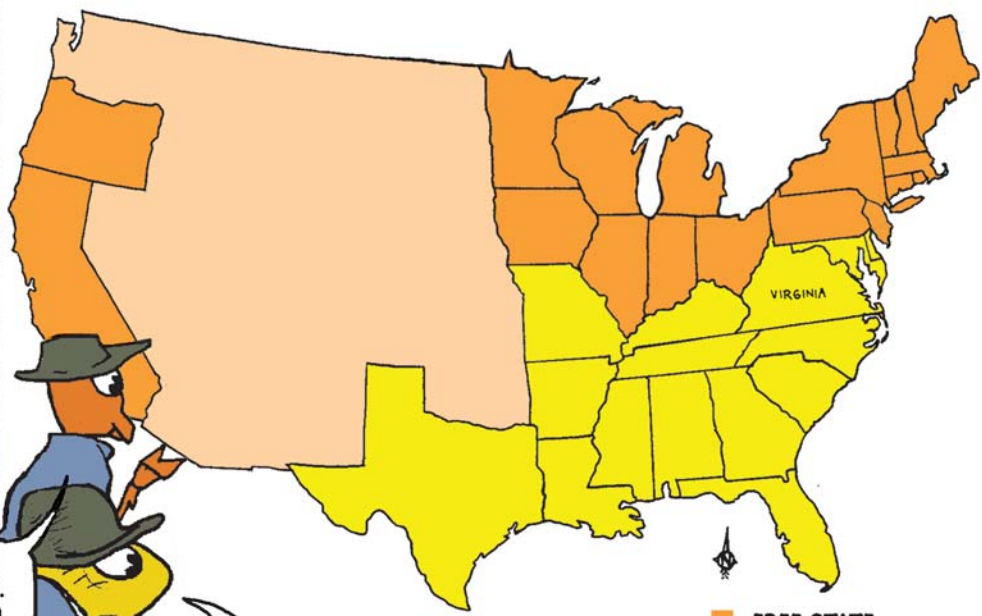
YES, THEY COULD. DURING THIS TIME, MANY OF THE BLACK PEOPLE IN AMERICA WERE SLAVES. WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO LEARNING WHAT THE 13TH AMENDMENT IS, AND WHY IT WAS NEEDED IN THE FIRST PLACE!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY TO ACTUALLY BUY ANOTHER HUMAN BEING AND OWN THEM JUST LIKE PROPERTY!



IT WAS A SAD TIME IN AMERICA, SCORPY.

AS TIME WENT BY, MORE PEOPLE BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT SLAVERY WAS WRONG. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO END SLAVERY WERE FROM THE STATES IN THE NORTH. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO KEEP SLAVERY WERE FROM STATES IN THE SOUTH. REMEMBER, SLAVES WERE USED TO TEND CROPS FOR MANY LARGE LAND OWNERS IN THE SOUTH.



- FREE STATE
- SLAVE STATE
- TERRITORY

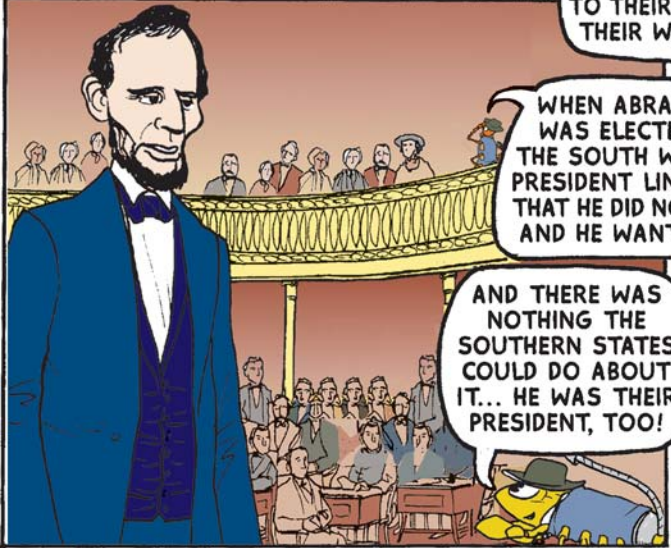
I SEE ... THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH THOUGHT THAT AN END TO SLAVERY WOULD BE AN END TO THEIR FARMS, AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE!

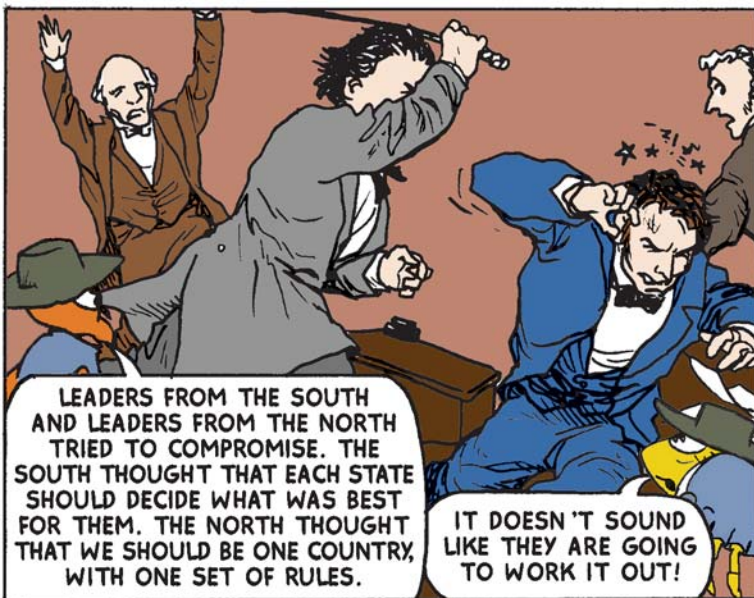
WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT, THE SOUTH WAS NOT HAPPY. PRESIDENT LINCOLN HAD SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE SLAVERY AND HE WANTED TO END IT!

AND THERE WAS NOTHING THE SOUTHERN STATES COULD DO ABOUT IT... HE WAS THEIR PRESIDENT, TOO!

ACTUALLY, SCORPY, MOST OF THE SOUTHERN STATES DECIDED TO BREAK AWAY FROM, OR SECEDE FROM, THE UNITED STATES. THEY CREATED THEIR OWN COUNTRY, CALLED THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

I WONDER WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO UNITE US AGAIN!





LEADERS FROM THE SOUTH AND LEADERS FROM THE NORTH TRIED TO COMPROMISE. THE SOUTH THOUGHT THAT EACH STATE SHOULD DECIDE WHAT WAS BEST FOR THEM. THE NORTH THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD BE ONE COUNTRY, WITH ONE SET OF RULES.

IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO WORK IT OUT!



YOU'RE RIGHT, SCORPY, NEITHER SIDE COULD AGREE AND WAR BROKE OUT.

OH NO! WAR IS NOT GOOD!!



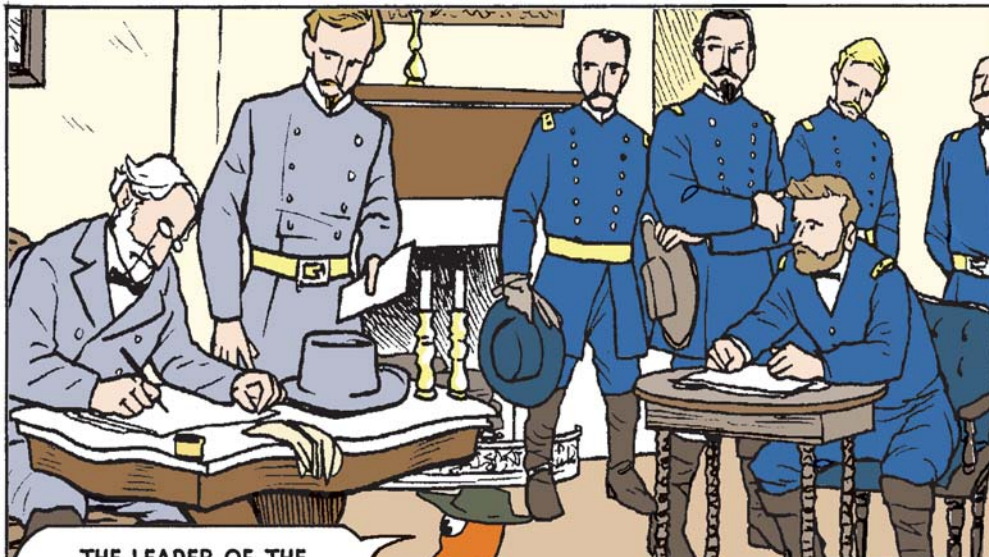
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN U.S. HISTORY THAT AMERICANS FOUGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER. THIS WAR WAS KNOWN AS THE CIVIL WAR.

IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THERE WAS ANYTHING "CIVIL" ABOUT THIS WAR!



THE WAR LASTED FOUR LONG YEARS. MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR INJURED, AND MANY BUILDINGS AND CITIES WERE DESTROYED.

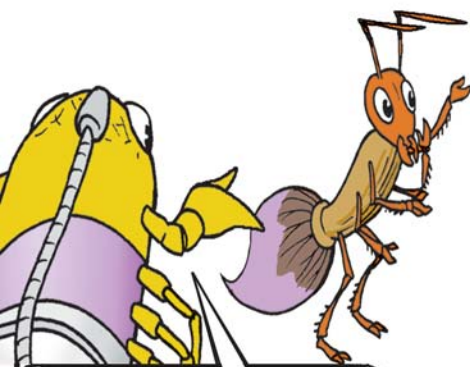
ALL OF THIS, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIND A COMPROMISE! I HOPE WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO LEARNING ABOUT THE 13TH AMENDMENT!



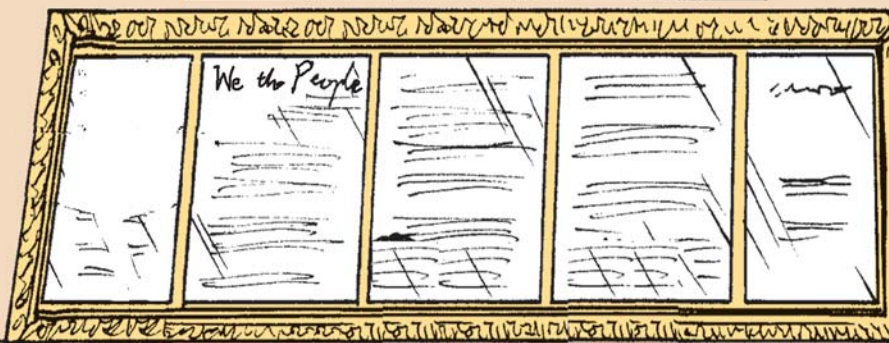
THE LEADER OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE FINALLY SURRENDERED TO THE LEADER OF THE UNION ARMY, GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT, IN 1865 IN APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA.

THIS MEANS THAT THE WAR IS OVER!

THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SLAVERY WAS OVER FOR GOOD, SO THE 13TH AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO OUR CONSTITUTION. THE 13TH AMENDMENT MADE SLAVERY ILLEGAL. NOW, NO ONE CAN EVER OWN ANOTHER HUMAN BEING!



SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT 13 IS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER ... I THINK THE 13TH AMENDMENT MAKES US ALL VERY LUCKY!



NEXT WEEK, WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE 14TH AND 15TH AMENDMENTS. THESE AMENDMENTS HELPED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE NEWLY FREED SLAVES!