

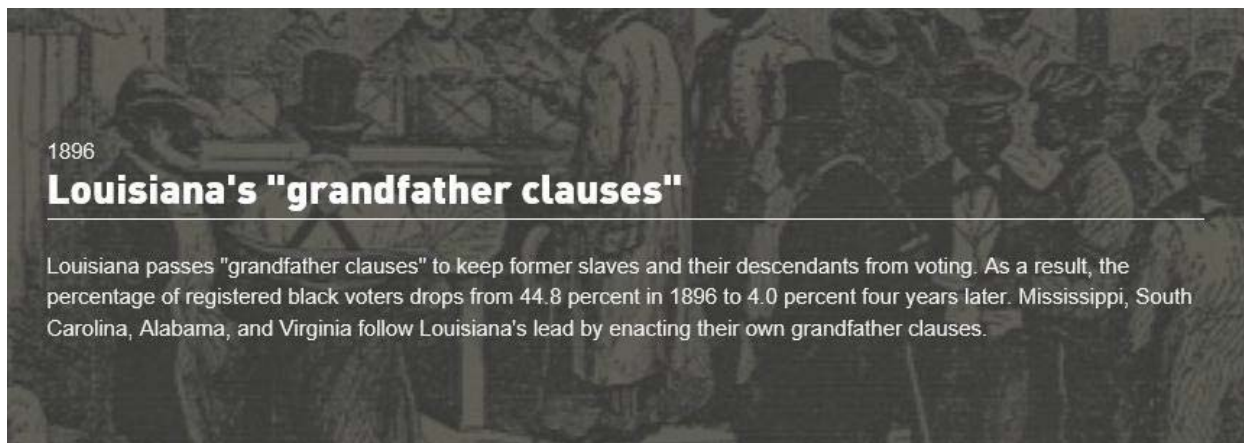
# Voting Rights During the Life of Richard Green



1869

## Fifteenth Amendment passes

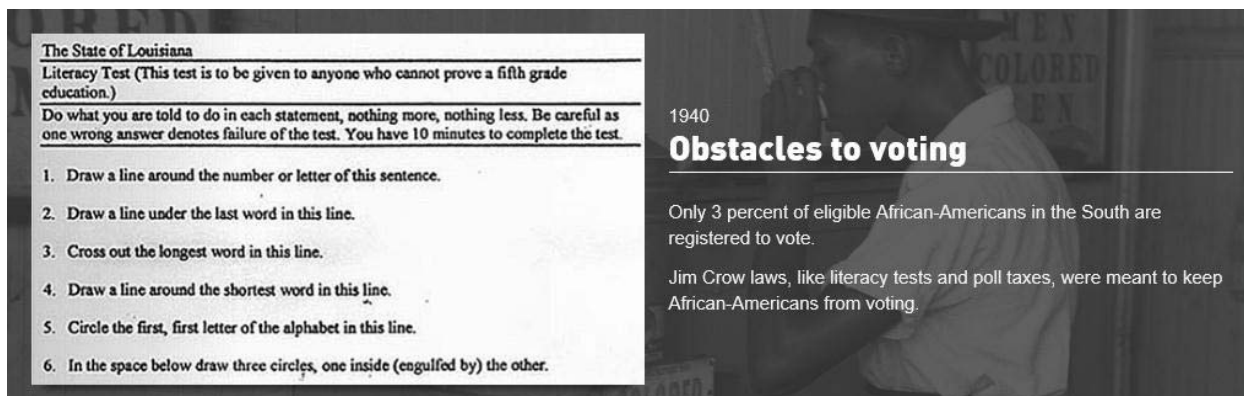
Congress passes the 15th Amendment giving African-American men the right to vote.



1896

## Louisiana's "grandfather clauses"

Louisiana passes "grandfather clauses" to keep former slaves and their descendants from voting. As a result, the percentage of registered black voters drops from 44.8 percent in 1896 to 4.0 percent four years later. Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, and Virginia follow Louisiana's lead by enacting their own grandfather clauses.



**The State of Louisiana**  
Literacy Test (This test is to be given to anyone who cannot prove a fifth grade education.)  
Do what you are told to do in each statement, nothing more, nothing less. Be careful as one wrong answer denotes failure of the test. You have 10 minutes to complete the test.

1. Draw a line around the number or letter of this sentence.
2. Draw a line under the last word in this line.
3. Cross out the longest word in this line.
4. Draw a line around the shortest word in this line.
5. Circle the first, first letter of the alphabet in this line.
6. In the space below draw three circles, one inside (engulfed by) the other.

1940

## Obstacles to voting

Only 3 percent of eligible African-Americans in the South are registered to vote.

Jim Crow laws, like literacy tests and poll taxes, were meant to keep African-Americans from voting.

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