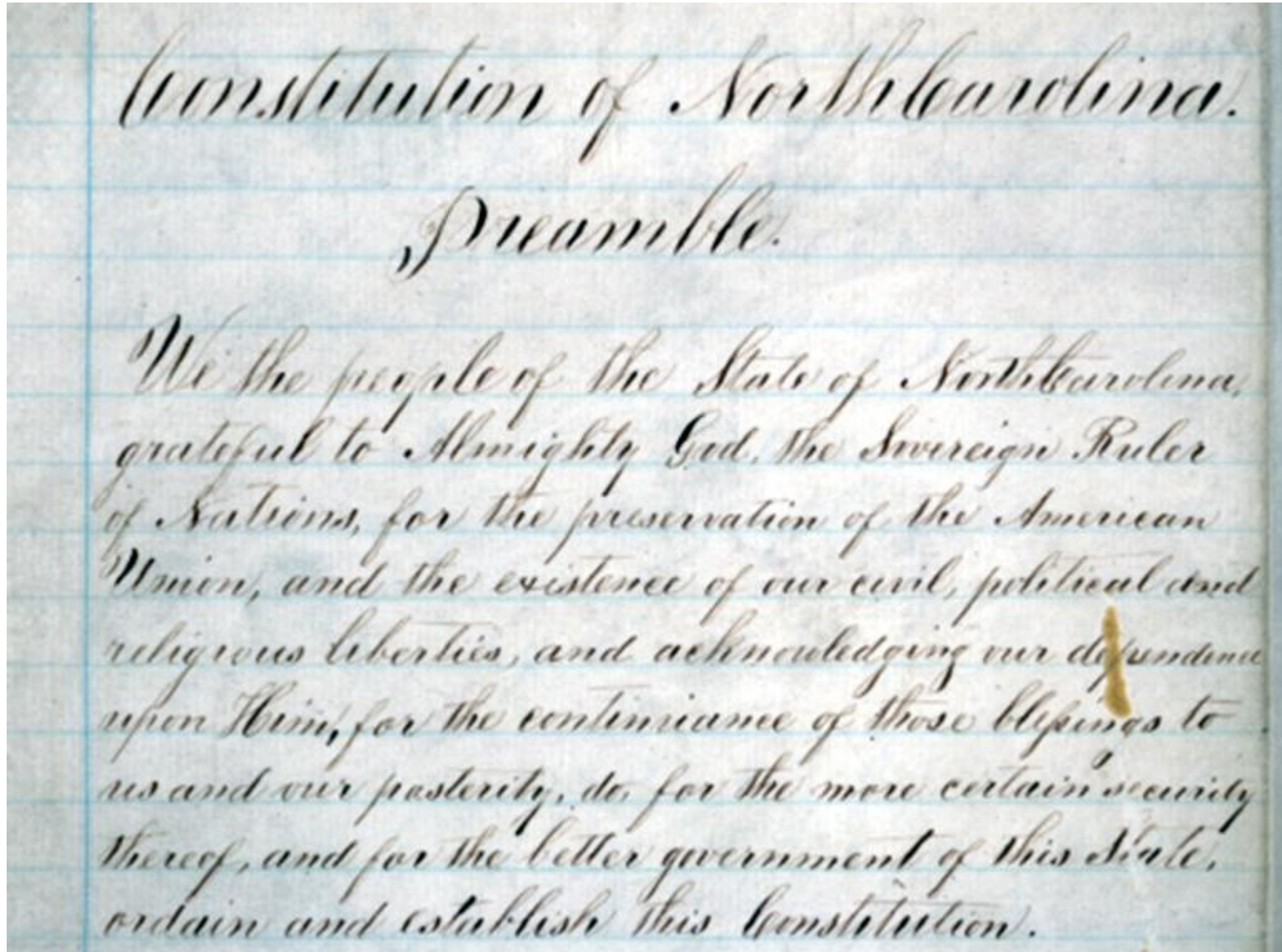


When the North Carolina State Constitution was rewritten following the Civil War, it contained some important changes. Examine the selections and corresponding transcriptions from the 1868 Constitution below and reflect on those changes.

## Preamble





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Preamble

We the people of the State of North Carolina grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations for the preservation of the American Union, and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him, for the continuance of those blessings to us and our posterity, do for the more certain security thereof, and for the better government of this State ordain and establish this Constitution.

*The first state constitution of 1776 did not contain a preamble, but the U.S. Constitution, written in 1787 did.*

*What seems to be the purpose of this preamble?*

*Why do you think it was included?*

#### Section 4

Sec 4. That this State shall ever remain a member of the American Union, that the people thereof are part of the American nation; that there is no right on the part of this State to secede, and that all attempts from whatever source or upon whatever pretext, to dissolve said Union, or to sever said nation, ought to be resisted with the whole power of the State.



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*What does Section 4 make very clear?*

*Why do you think this “right” was included?*



Section 33

*Sec. 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than for crime whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and are hereby forever prohibited within this State.*



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Sec.33. Slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than for crime whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and are hereby forever prohibited within this State.

*What does Section 33 declare?*

*How does this statement reflect the ideals of the Revolution and what it stood for?*

Article IV, Section 1

*Section 1.* Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty one years old or upward, who shall have resided in this State <sup>twelve</sup> months next preceeding the election, and thirty days in the County, in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed an elector.



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Article VI, Section 1. Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty one years old or upward, who shall have resided in the State twelve months next preceding the election, and thirty days in the county, in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed an elector.

*What does Article VI, Section 1 say about who has the right to vote?*

*Who does this amendment include?*

*Who does it exclude?*



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*What seems to be the purpose of this preamble?*

*Why do you think it was included?*

Possible response is that the preamble is expressing gratitude to God for the preservation of the Union and for their religious, political and civil freedoms. It might have been added because the U.S. Constitution has a preamble, and it helps to introduce and put into context what will be said in the constitution.

Sec 4. That this State shall ever remain a member of the American Union, that the people thereof are part of the American nation; that there is no right on the part of this State to secede, and that all attempts from whatever source or upon whatever pretext, to dissolve said Union or to sever said nation, ought to be resisted with the whole power of the State.

*What does Section 4 make very clear?*

*Why do you think this “right” was included?*

It says that the State of North Carolina will always be a part of the United States of America, and it has no right to secede or break away from the Union. It was included to prevent a Civil War from ever happening again.

Sec.33. Slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than for crime whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, shall be, and are hereby forever prohibited within this State.

*What does Section 33 declare?*

*How does this statement reflect the ideals of the Revolution and what it stood for?*

That slavery is illegal and forbidden. The Revolution was about freedom and equality and in outlawing slavery, they are closer to those ideals.

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*What does Article VI, Section 1 say about who has the right to vote? Who does this amendment include? Who does it exclude?*

Men who are 21 or older and who have lived in the state for 12 months. This includes adult men of all races but excludes women entirely.