# FIRST AMENDMENT SCAVENGER HUNT

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## THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION: THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

- **Dred Scott and Harriet Scott** were living in free territory in the mid-1800s, but still being held in slavery. Find the document that reveals how they would use the First Amendment to argue for their freedom. *Who heard their petition? How was their case decided?*
- **The 14th Amendment** establishes equal protection of the law so that all people may exercise their constitutional rights. **Find the "In Their Own Words" interactive** along the pews behind the large "14" and listen as formerly enslaved men and women exercised their rights and shared their stories. *Whose story did you listen to? What did they have to say?*

## THE 19TH AMENDMENT: HOW WOMEN WON THE VOTE

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott were denied the right to speak at the World Anti-Slavery Convention in 1840. They later exercised their First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly by organizing one of the **first women's conventions** in the country and used the freedom of the press to publish a Declaration of Sentiments that addressed the rights denied to women. *What concerns did they have? Share one of the statements.*
- Find the wall full of colorful posters and powerful messages shared by suffragists as they fought for the right to vote. *Share your favorite of these artifacts or statements.*
- Women from around the country took part in the famous **1913 Woman Suffrage Procession.** Although all participants were seeking the same rights, Black women were forced to march in the back of the parade. *Find the name of the brave woman who defied the order to segregate the marchers*.

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### FIRST AMENDMENT TABLET

- The **45 words of the First Amendment** are engraved on a 50-ton marble on the Center's Grand Hall Overlook. *What are the five freedoms the amendment enshrines?*
- Where was the First Amendment Tablet displayed before it was installed at the National Constitution Center?

## SIGNERS' HALL

- Three delegates present at the Constitutional Convention refused to sign the proposed **Constitution**, arguing that the document needed a bill of rights. One even said he would "sooner chop off his right hand" rather than sign the document. Find the statues of these three dissenters. Who were they?
- One delegate, the only **signer from New York**, argued that a bill of rights was unnecessary, and potentially even dangerous. **Find his statue.** *Who was this person*?

## CONSTITUTING LIBERTY

James Madison's first draft of the Bill of Rights featured more than 10 proposed amendments.
Find the signed draft of the document from 1789. How many amendments were submitted to the states for ratification? What number was the one which we now know as the First Amendment?