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Why is the U.S. Constitution important to me? The 14th amendment is one of the most important ones to me because it grants citizenship to anyone born in the United States. Having the 14th amendment led to the Immigrant and Nationality Act which became a law in 1965. Having the INA goes over how immigrants can gain citizenship, visas, and their rights. Most importantly to me it talks about how having immediate family that are citizens can help an immigrant gain citizenship.

My grandmother came to the United States in 1965 to escape the warring Middle East. Her older brother Marvin was the first one of her family to come to the U.S. Having her brother work, live, and gain U.S. citizenship helped pay for tickets to come to the states and helped speed up the process of getting a Visa and making it into the states by having a sponsor. Once my grandmother came to the states she started college and met and married my grandfather. Marrying my grandfather in her early years here also helped speed up the process to become a permanent resident thanks to the INA.

My grandmother had my father and my uncle in the states before she gained citizenship because of the 14th amendment they were both citizens from birth because they were born in the states. Once she got her masters in teaching she gained her citizenship and moved to Oregon to raise my dad and uncle as a single mother. Having her citizenship helped through tough times as a single mother raising two kids as not having citizenship would have made those times even more difficult. Thanks to the INA and the 14th amendment my father, uncle, and grandmother are all U.S. citizens and can live in the United States.