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Article V and a Walking Tour of America's 27 Constitutional Amendments

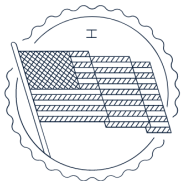
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THE 27 AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Throughout American history, “We the People” have amended our Constitution 27 times—transforming it in important ways. Through the Article V amendment process, we often make it a “more perfect” document. In this activity, you will learn more about key periods of constitutional change and explore the 27 amendments to the Constitution.

The Founding era amendments: 1791 – 1804

Gave us our first 12 amendments, including the Bill of Rights!

Amendment	Read the amendment on the <i>Interactive Constitution</i> .	Summarize the amendment in your own words.	What are three to five key words or terms associated with this amendment?	What were some factors that led to this amendment being added to the Constitution?
First Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretations: - Establishment Clause - Free Exercise Clause - Free Speech and Press - Assembly and Petition			
Second Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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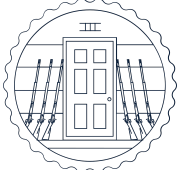
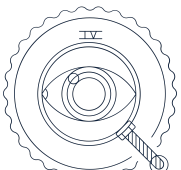
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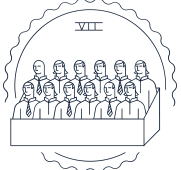
Third Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
Fourth Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
Fifth Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretations: - Criminal Procedure Clauses - Due Process Clause - Takings Clause			
Sixth Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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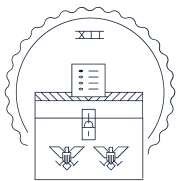
Seventh Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
Eighth Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
Ninth Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
10th Amendment 1791 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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11th Amendment 1795  The seal of the 11th Amendment is circular with a scalloped border. It features a gavel and a bundle of papers, with the Roman numeral 'XI' at the top.	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
12th Amendment 1804  The seal of the 12th Amendment is circular with a scalloped border. It features an eagle with wings spread, perched on a shield, with the Roman numeral 'XII' at the top.	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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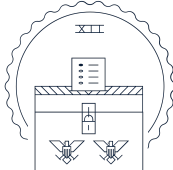
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Reconstruction era amendments: 1865 – 1870 (There was a 60+ year gap between the Founding and Reconstruction eras.)

Gave us three transformational amendments that many scholars argue represent our nation's "Second Founding."

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12th Amendment 1804 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
14th Amendment 1868 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretations: - Citizenship Clause - Due Process Clause - Equal Protection Clause - Enforcement Clause - Privileges or Immunities Clause			
15th Amendment 1870 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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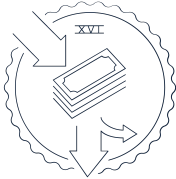
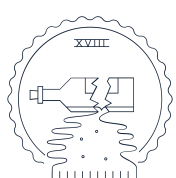
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The Progressive era: 1913 – 1920 (There was a 40+ year gap between the Reconstruction and Progressive eras.)

Gave us the 16th–19th Amendments.

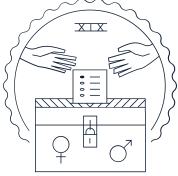
Amendment	Read the amendment on the <i>Interactive Constitution</i> .	Summarize the amendment in your own words.	What are three to five key words or terms associated with this amendment?	What were some factors that led to this amendment being added to the Constitution?
16th Amendment 1913 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
17th Amendment 1913 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
18th Amendment 1919 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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19th Amendment 1920  The seal of the 19th Amendment, featuring a circular design with the Roman numeral XIX at the top. Inside the circle, two hands are shown placing a document into a box. Below the box are the symbols for male (♂) and female (♀).	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
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Modern era: 1933 – 1992 (It's been over 30 years since the last amendment!)

Added the remaining eight amendments, little by little, between 1933 and 1992.

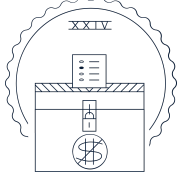
Amendment	Read the amendment on the <i>Interactive Constitution</i> .	Summarize the amendment in your own words.	What are three to five key words or terms associated with this amendment?	What were some factors that led to this amendment being added to the Constitution?
20th Amendment 1933 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
21st Amendment 1933 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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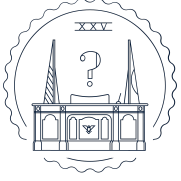
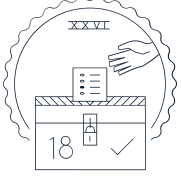
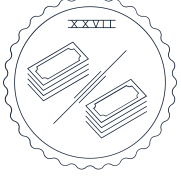
22nd Amendment 1951 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
23rd Amendment 1961 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
24th Amendment 1964 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			

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25th Amendment 1967 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
26th Amendment 1971 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			
27th Amendment 1992 	Text of the Amendment Common Interpretation			