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The Amendment Process to the U.S. Constitution Worksheet				
The United States Constitution is a living document that can be changed through a process called amendment. This worksheet will guide you through the steps of proposing and ratifying an amendment.				
Instructions: Fill in the blanks, answer the short answer questions, and complete the chart.				
Part 1: Proposing an Amendment				
There are two ways an amendment can be proposed. What are they? a) b) How many votes are required in EACH house of Congress to propose an amendment?				
Who else besides Congress can request an amendment? How many states must request a constitutional convention to propose an amendment?				
Part 2: Ratifying an Amendment				
Once proposed, how many states need to ratify an amendment for it to become part of the Constitution? Can state legislatures or special conventions ratify amendments in each state? (Circle				
one) What is the role of the President in the amendment process?				

Part 3: Thinking Critically

- 8. Why do you think the Founding Fathers made the amendment process so difficult?
- 9. Research a recent amendment proposal (within the last 20 years). Briefly summarize the amendment and why it was not ratified (or if it was, when it was ratified).

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Part 4: Create Yo	Part 4: Create Your Own Amendment				
10. Imagine you could address?	d propose an amendm	ent to the Constitut	ion. What issue would you		
(example: The 26 eighteen years of		ght of citizens of the hall not be denied	is clear and specific. e United States, who are or abridged by the United		
Bonus:					
12. Imagine you are a member of Congress debating a proposed amendment. Write a short speech (3-5 sentences) arguing for or against the amendment. (Student will need to provide their own answer)					