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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

1. There are two ways an amendment can be proposed. What are they? a)
b)
2. How many votes are required in EACH house of Congress to propose an amendment?

3. Who else besides Congress can request an amendment? _____
4. How many states must request a constitutional convention to propose an amendment?

Part 2: Ratifying an Amendment

5. Once proposed, how many states need to ratify an amendment for it to become part of the Constitution? _____
 6. Can state legislatures or special conventions ratify amendments in each state? (Circle one)
 7. What is the role of the President in the amendment process?
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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).

