



# 27 Ideas to Teach 27 Amendments

How to use the *Periodic Table of the Amendments* poster in the social studies classroom

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## Ideas for use with any amendment

1. Define vocab words with interactive vocab (five word definition and image).
  - Possible words: amendment, ratify, suffrage, Bill of Rights, Prohibition, lame duck, constitution, petition, succession, precedent
2. Make an infographic to describe any one case. [Template](#), [Blank Template](#)
3. Create a Tell-A-Graphic for a case. [Source Information](#), [Example](#)
4. Write a newspaper article explaining an amendment.

## Specific Amendments

5. First Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
6. First Amendment - What does the Supreme Court say? *Tinker* [Text](#) & [Video](#), *Hazelwood* [Text](#), [More](#)
7. First Amendment - Make an infographic. [Guided video and graph paper](#)
8. Fourth Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
9. Thirteenth Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
10. Fourteenth Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
11. Sixteenth Amendment - What's it like to file your taxes? [Simulation](#)
12. Eighteenth Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
13. Nineteenth Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
14. Nineteenth Amendment - Research a suffragist. [Source](#)
15. Twenty-First Amendment - Follow along questions [Graphic](#), [Questions](#)
16. Twenty-Fourth Amendment - Understand poll taxes with a [lesson from the JFK Library](#).
17. Twenty-Fifth Amendment with [Civics101](#) - [Graphic](#), [Follow-along notes](#)

## Multiple Amendments

18. Use two amendments to compare and contrast. A couple possibilities:
  - 15th/19th/26th
  - 18th/21st
19. Find the amendment: Check out the Bill of Rights cases on our poster, [25 Landmark Supreme Court Cases](#). Which amendment is being limited or expanded with each decision? Use the [Periodic Table of the Amendments](#) for help.
20. Make a timeline for ratification of all 27 Amendments. Use [Canva](#)
21. Learn about the Reconstruction Amendments with the [Bill of Rights Institute](#).

## The Amendment Process

22. Read Article V of the US Constitution. [Constitution Center](#)
23. Listen to an explanation of the amendment process by [Civics101](#).

## Dig Deeper

24. Watch *Constitution Explained* videos with [iCivics](#).
25. What's next? Write to a representative about a new possible amendment. [Find your rep](#)
26. Read the actual text, scholarly interpretations, and find lesson plans at the [Constitution Center](#).
27. Read the 12 amendments proposed and the 10 ratified at the [National Archives](#) site.