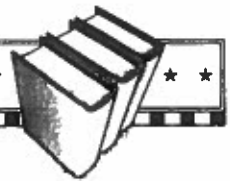


Guided Reading Activity 3-3 *****



Amending the Constitution

★ DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to complete the chart by stating two ways an amendment to the Constitution can be proposed and two ways an amendment can be ratified.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION	
Proposing an Amendment	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
Ratifying an Amendment	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>

★ DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to complete the following paragraphs.

In addition to formal methods of proposing and ratifying amendments, changes to the Constitution can also be made **(A)** _____. Such changes occur as **(B)** _____ and **(C)** _____ fill in the details of government on a day-to-day, year-to-year basis.

Congress has passed laws that have **(D)** _____ or **(E)** _____ many of the Constitution's provisions.

Presidential actions have also added to the Constitution. Presidential **(F)** _____ was clarified when William Henry Harrison became the first president to die in office.

The most important device the Supreme Court uses to interpret the Constitution is **(G)** _____. People disagree over how the Court should use this power. Should the Court play an active role in shaping national policies? Those who think so believe in **(H)** _____. In contrast, those who think the Court should avoid taking the initiative on social and political questions believe in **(I)** _____.

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Guided Reading Activity 3-4

The Amendments

★ DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to complete the chart. Next to the name of each amendment, briefly describe the freedoms it protects.

THE FREEDOMS OF CITIZENS UNDER THE BILL OF RIGHTS	
The First Amendment	
The Second Amendment	
The Third Amendment	
The Fourth Amendment	
The Fifth Amendment	
The Sixth Amendment	
The Seventh Amendment	
The Eighth Amendment	
The Ninth Amendment	
The Tenth Amendment	

★ DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to match the amendments with the rights they guarantee. Write the number of the amendment (11–27) next to the description of its provisions.

- A. _____ makes congressional pay raises effective during the term following their passage
- B. _____ gives Congress the power to levy individual income taxes
- C. _____ limits presidents to a maximum of two elected terms
- D. _____ guarantees women the right to vote
- E. _____ prohibits the government from denying a person's right to vote on the basis of race
- F. _____ outlaws slavery
- G. _____ establishes a process to take over leadership when a president is disabled
- H. _____ prohibits states from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without "due process of law"
- I. _____ lowers the voting age in all elections to 18

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