

## Homework 9: Amendments

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**Question 1.** Constitutions need to be amended over time to adjust provisions that are inadequate, to respond to new needs, including supplementing rights, etc. Otherwise, the text of a constitution cannot reflect social realities and political needs over time. What best describes what an Amendment to the Constitution is?

- A. The process of writing a new constitution
- B. Completing abandoning the original Constitution
- C. A change ratified by Congress and the states to the Constitution
- D. Writing the Constitution on new paper

**Question 2.** Take notes on new words and expressions.

**Question 3.** Why is the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment so important?

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

- A. It gives us the right to speak and write what we want
- B. It establishes where the capital of America should be
- C. It allows us to carry a gun
- D. Without it, the police could keep you in jail for forever without a trial

**Question 4.** What did the 13th Amendment do?

Section 1 *Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.*

Section 2 *Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*

- A. Abolishes slavery.
- B. Women can vote.
- C. Made making and selling alcohol illegal.
- D. Designated the White House as the Presidential home.