

The Amendments Project Worksheet

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

To complete this worksheet, go to <https://amendmentsproject.org/>.

1. Visit the **About** page (under the **Resources** menu) and answer the following:

a. What records make up the *Amendments Project* database?

b. About how many amendments have been proposed in Congress?

c. How many amendments to the Constitution have been ratified?

d. Other than by the ratification of an amendment, how else can the Constitution be altered?

2. From the **Stories** page, read the **Child Labor Amendment** story and answer the following:

a. How many amendments have been approved by Congress but not yet ratified by enough states?

b. Why was the Child Labor Amendment not ratified in the 1920s?

c. When and why did the Child Labor Amendment become obsolete?

d. Why was *United States v. Darby* important?

e. If the Child Labor Amendment has been “informally adopted,” why is child labor on the rise in the United States?

3. From the **Stories** page, choose a **second story** to read and answer the following:

a. What trends or other information stand out from the graph/s in the story?

b. What is something you learned about why an amendment might be proposed or why a proposed amendment might fail?

c. What remaining questions do you have after reading this story?

4. Using the search tools on the **Search** page, answer the following:

a. What is one bill related to the story you just read?

b. How many online petitions related to campaign financing are in the database?

c. In what year was the first bill to use the term “environment” in the text of a proposed amendment introduced?

d. Since 1980, who has more bills affiliated with their party, Democrats or Republicans?

e. During which decade were the most bills introduced related to the apportionment of seats in the legislature? (hint: use the Timeline view on the results page)

f. How many bills include the words “currency” and “God” in the text of the proposed amendment?

g. How many bills include the word “currency” but *not* “God” in the text of the proposed amendment?

h. What is one amendment advocated for by a member of the Populist party that has since been added to the Constitution?

i. What is one Populist amendment idea that has not been added to the Constitution?
