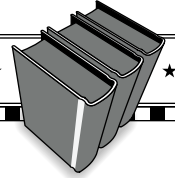


Guided Reading Activity 3-3



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	
Ratifying an Amendment	

★ 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)** _____.