



**welcome
back to
CIVICS!**



Would
You
Rather?

Make laws that can never be changed



Make rules that can be changed whenever the President wants



What is



The Constitution



Think, Puzzle, Explore

What do you think you know about the
Constitution?

What questions or puzzles do you have
about the Constitution?

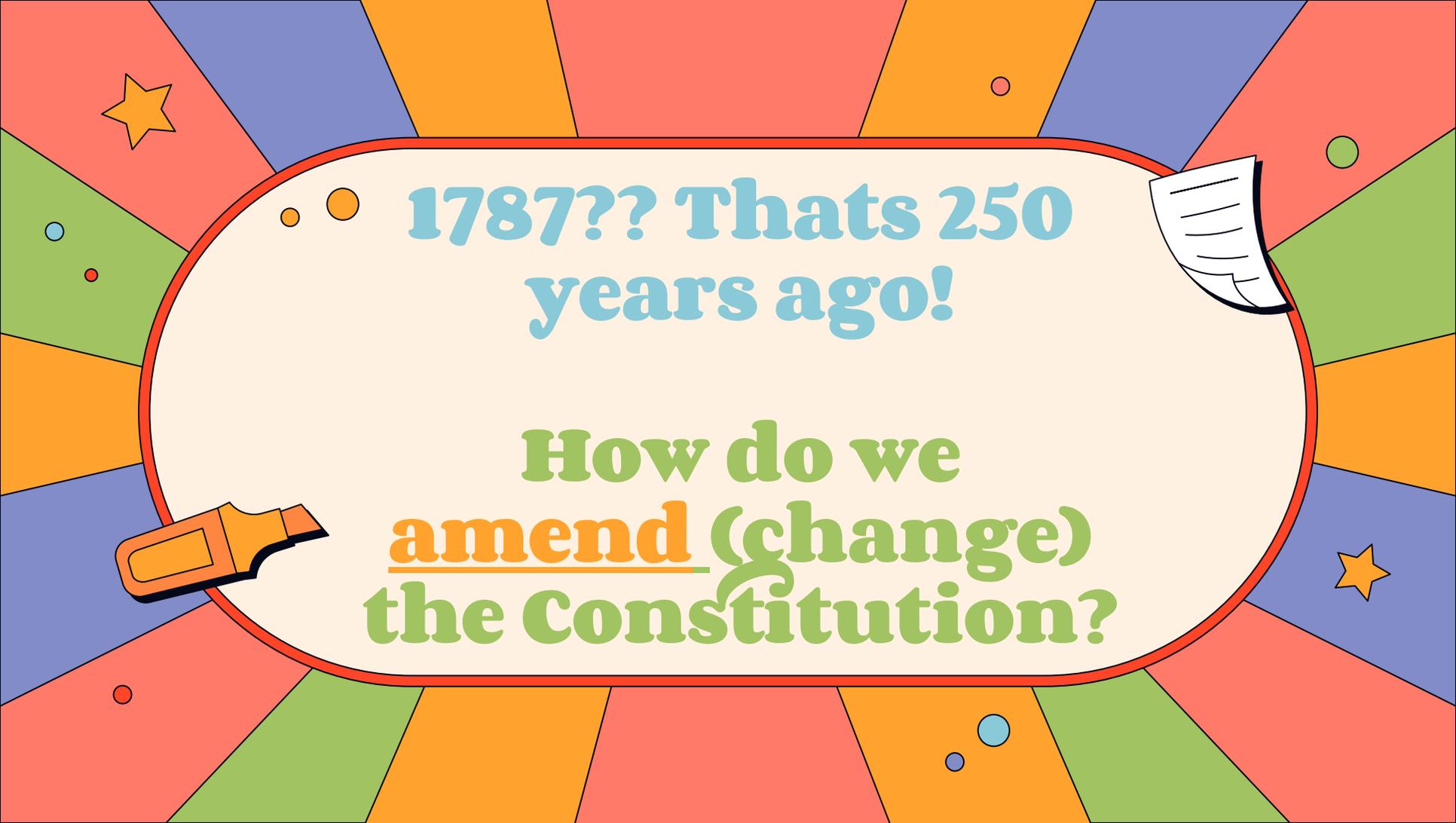


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The Constitution

- What is the Constitution
- How did it come to be?





**1787?? That's 250
years ago!**

**How do we
amend (change)
the Constitution?**

Amendments

- An Amendment is a **change/addition** to the Constitution
- The first ten amendments to the US Constitution are called the **Bill of Rights**

Does anyone know any of the amendments in the Bill of Rights?



How are Amendments made?

1. **Proposal**: Amendments can be proposed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ **vote in Congress** or a **national convention** made up of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 50 states
2. **Ratification**: individual states need to agree that they want the Amendment: it **must be ratified (agreed on) by $\frac{3}{4}$ of states** through their legislatures (rulebooks) or a convention (meeting of state leaders)

Thumbs check in

How much are you picking up what we are
putting down?
Any questions?



NOT RATIFIED! Child Labor Amendment

Section 1.

The Congress shall have the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

The government can control if/when kids can work

Section 2.

The power of the several States is unimpaired by this article except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress.

States have power to decide on their own unless it impacts the rules made by Congress

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1. What is something that surprises you about this Amendment?
2. Why do you think it wasn't ratified?

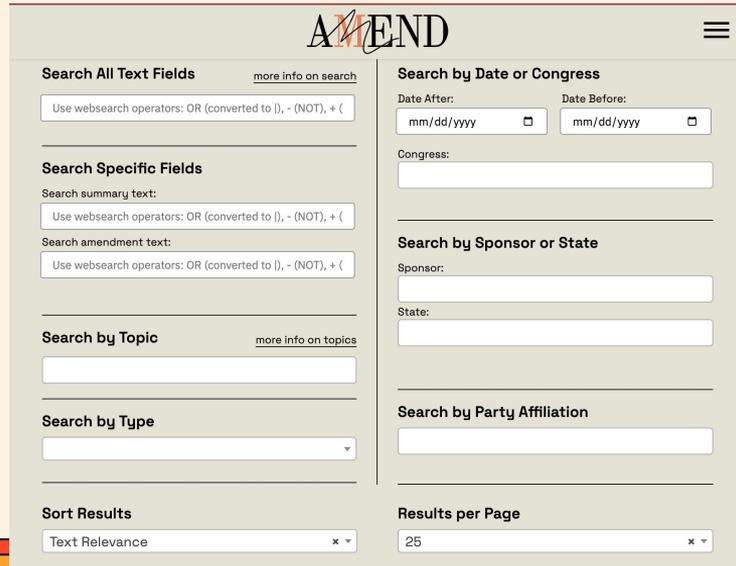
RATIFIED! The Nineteenth Amendment



1. What is something that surprises you about this Amendment?
2. What is something that makes sense about this Amendment?

The Amendments Project!

- Searchable Archive of every change anyone's ever tried to make to the constitution!
- More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced!



The screenshot shows the AMEND search interface. At the top center is the logo "AMEND" with a stylized "A" and "M". To the right of the logo is a hamburger menu icon. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Search All Text Fields**: Includes a link for "more info on search" and a text input field with the placeholder "Use websearch operators: OR (converted to |), - (NOT), + (".
- Search Specific Fields**: Includes a link for "more info on search" and three text input fields: "Search summary text:", "Search amendment text:", and "Search amendment text:". Each field has the placeholder "Use websearch operators: OR (converted to |), - (NOT), + (".
- Search by Date or Congress**: Includes two date input fields labeled "Date After:" and "Date Before:" with the placeholder "mm/dd/yyyy" and a calendar icon. Below them is a "Congress:" input field.
- Search by Sponsor or State**: Includes two input fields labeled "Sponsor:" and "State:".
- Search by Party Affiliation**: Includes one input field.
- Sort Results**: Includes a dropdown menu with "Text Relevance" selected and a close icon (x).
- Results per Page**: Includes a dropdown menu with "25" selected and a close icon (x).



Bingo!