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?

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

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

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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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

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

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

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