

Understanding the Constitution: Chapter Nine
Other Constitutional Amendments

1. In the Constitution's over two-centuries existence, it has only been amended:

- a) 17 times, not including the Bill of Rights
- b) 17 times, including the Bill of Rights
- c) 30 times

2. In 3-5 sentences, summarize what the main purpose was for the 11th and 12th Amendments.

3. Over 60 years passed between the time the 12th and 13th amendments were ratified.

True or false?

4. The Thirteenth Amendment outlawed:

- a) Slavery and involuntary servitude in any form
- b) Slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime
- c) Slavery and involuntary servitude, including military conscription.

5. What are the two components of "due process" that must be followed by the states as provided for in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments?

6. Which Amendment provides a constitutional basis for the growing national debt?

7. The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Amendments were passed during the Progressive Era in the United States. Progressives purportedly sought to confront corruption, especially in Big Business, and to give more of a voice to the "common man." Do you think the Amendments accomplished this goal? Why do you think the Framers of the Constitution prohibited a graduated income tax and wanted senators to be elected by state legislatures?

8. Prohibition was passed by the Eighteenth Amendment and repealed by the Twenty-First. Why do you think Prohibition failed? Use the Bible in your answer.

9. Which President did not follow George Washington's precedent of two-terms, triggering the passage of the Twenty-Second Amendment?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- c) Calvin Coolidge

10. Think of one issue in American government that you would like to see addressed. In 3-5 sentences, draft a Constitutional Amendment that you think would solve the problem.