**Scholar Exchange: Article V – Amendment Process**

**Advanced Level Class Outline and Worksheet**

**INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION RESOURCES**

* [Resources for Article V](https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/learning-material/article-v)

**OVERVIEW**

**Part I. Article V: How does it work?**

**Part II. Founding Debates and the Constitutional Convention**

**Part III. Constitutional Amendments Over Time**

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

* Why did the Founding generation include a formal process for amending the Constitution?
* How does the Constitution’s amendment process work, and why did the Founders make it so hard to amend the Constitution?
* What’s the relationship between the Constitution’s Article V amendment process and key foundational principles like popular sovereignty and the rule of law?
* What key changes have the American people made to the Constitution over time and what does that tell us about the key constitutional issues in American history?

**PART I. ARTICLE V: HOW DOES IT WORK?**

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| **Why did the Framers intentionally make the amendment process difficult?** |  |

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| **Step One: Proposal** |
| **What role can Congress play in this step of the amendment process?** |  |
| **What role can the states play in this step of the amendment process?** |  |
| **Step Two: Ratification** |
| **What role does Congress play in this step of the amendment process?** |  |
| **What role do the states play in this step of the amendment process?** |  |

**PART II. THE FOUNDING STORY OF ARTICLE V: THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

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| **How did the following impact the development of Article V at the Constitutional Convention?** |
| **Articles of Confederation** |  |
| **Enlightenment Thought** |  |

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| **How did the Framers limit the power of Congress in Article V?** |
| **Step One: Proposal** |  |
| **Step Two: Ratification** |  |

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| **How did the Framers limit the power of the amendment process?** |
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**PART III. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OVER TIME**

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| **Pick one of the stories shared about amendments throughout history.**  |
| **Who was involved in the amendment process?** |  |
| **What was the issue at the center of the amendment?** |  |
| **What made this amendment unique in its proposal and/or ratification?** |  |