



Constitutional Principles and
Structures: SS.7.CG.3.5
The Amendment Process
READING #2

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SS.7.CG.3.5 Benchmark Clarification 2: Students will identify the correct sequence of each amendment process.

Step 1: Proposal (Two ways)	Step 2: Ratification (approval) by the States (Two ways)
1. An amendment may be proposed by the Congress with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.	1. Three-quarters (3/4) of the states (at least 38 out of 50) must ratify the amendment by a vote of approval in the state legislature.
OR	OR
2. An amendment may be proposed through a constitutional convention called for by two-thirds (2/3) of the state legislatures.	2. Three-quarters (3/4) of the states (at least 38 out of 50) must ratify the amendment by a vote of approval at a state ratifying convention.