*5 of the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution have changed the role of Congress from its original description in Article I. Each of these five amendments are listed below. Click on the links, read the text of the amendment, then click on the explanation provided to complete the graphic organizers below.*

| Summarize this amendment  in your own words. | | Why was this amendment added to the Constitution? | |
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| All powers not delegated to Congress are reserved to the states | | Part of the Bill of Rights; help with ratification; limit government power | |
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|  | [**10th Amendment**](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-10/) | |  |
| How did it change Congress? | What’s the impact? |
| Ensures that Congress cannot exercise any power not already delegated to it | | Maintains a limited government | |
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| Summarize this amendment  in your own words. | | Why was this amendment added to the Constitution? | |
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| Defines citizenship and the impacts of that on representation | | Post Civil War/Reconstruction | |
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|  | [**14th Amendment**](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-14/) | |  |
| How did it change Congress? | What’s the impact? |
| Nullifies ⅗ clause and changes Congressional representation  Disallows service if participate in insurrection  Gives Congress power to enforce | | Changes balance of power between states with changes to representation numbers in the House | |
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| Summarize this amendment  in your own words. | | Why was this amendment added to the Constitution? | |
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| Income Tax | | Clarified power of Congress in regards to taxes that had come up through Supreme Court cases | |
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|  | [**16th Amendment**](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-16/) | |  |
| How did it change Congress? | What’s the impact? |
| Clarified/Expanded their enumerated taxing power | | Currently still have an income tax | |
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| Summarize this amendment  in your own words. | | Why was this amendment added to the Constitution? | |
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| Direct election of U.S. Senators | | Allowed for more popular sovereignty/voter voice in the U.S. government | |
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|  | [**17th Amendment**](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-17/) | |  |
| How did it change Congress? | What’s the impact? |
| Made the two U.S. Senators from each state popularly elected | | More responsive to constituents | |
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| Summarize this amendment  in your own words. | | Why was this amendment added to the Constitution? | |
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| If Congress gives themselves a raise, it takes effect after the next Congressional election | | Clarify long needed language regarding Congressional pay | |
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|  | [**27th Amendment**](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-27/) | |  |
| How did it change Congress? | What’s the impact? |
| Makes any approved pay raises not take effect until after the next Congressional election which may not impact everyone voting to pass the measure | | Prevents Congress from giving themselves a raise on the spot  Ensures their interests are in the best interest of the nation and not self | |
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| In summary, how did these amendments change the structure, function, or process of the legislative branch from its original description in Article I of the Constitution? |
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| The Congress over time expanded to encompass the voices of more American citizens, in theory making it more responsive to the constituents they represent. The enumerated powers in Article I, Section 8 were also clarified and further defined to ensure the principles of limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances continued to effectively work within this branch. |