**Directions:** Using your own words, fill in the graphic organizer after reading the “Executive Branch Amendments Placards”

| **Amendment** | **Topic** | **What did the U.S. Constitution originally say on this topic?** | **Why was a change needed?** | **What changed?** |
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| **12th Amendment**  **[1804]** | Electoral College | The individual with the most electoral votes won the presidency and the individual with the second most electoral votes won the vice presidency. | People from opposing parties were paired together as president and vice president and it was counterproductive. | The Electoral College now casts separate votes for president and vice president. |
| **20th Amendment**  **[1933]** | Lame-Duck Period | No language on start and end dates of terms. | Twice there were four month gaps during major crises that the newly elected president and Congress could do nothing. | Moved presidential inauguration to January 20th and Congressional term start to January 3rd. |
| **22nd Amendment**  **[1951]** | Term Limits | Nothing other than establishing the length of terms for various national offices. | Realization that one individual could be re-elected indefinitely and hold power like a king. | Placed limitation on how long someone can serve as president to two terms or ten years. |
| **25th Amendment**  **[1967]** | Presidential Succession and Disability | If the president was no longer in office, the powers and duties of the presidency would “*devolve on the Vice President*” | Lack of clarity and never a great solution for filling the vacant VP seat. | Clarification that the VP does become the new president. Allows new president to appoint a new VP (with Congressional confirmation). Allows for temporary transfer of presidential power. |

***Which amendment do you think had the greatest impact on changing the role of the executive branch from its original description in Article II? Explain your answer. Answers will vary.***