

CHAPTER 3; SECTION 3 OUTLINE

NAME _____ Hour _____ Date _____

INFORMAL AMENDMENT

A. KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Match the descriptions with the terms. Write the correct letter in each blank.

- _____ 1. changes in the Constitution that do not lead to changes in the written document
- _____ 2. advisory board to the President
- _____ 3. court case involving the process of informal amendment
- _____ 4. a constitutional convention in continuous session
- _____ 5. pact made by a President with heads of a foreign state

a. informal amendment b. executive agreement c. *Marbury v. Madison*
d. cabinet e. Supreme Court

B. MAIN IDEAS

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

- _____ 6. Which of the following is an informal process to amend the Constitution?
- a. Congress proposes, State convention ratifies
 - b. presidential edict
 - c. congressional legislation
 - d. general election
- _____ 7. Which of the following customs was added to the written Constitution through formal amendment?
- a. Women's suffrage
 - b. Voting at age 18
 - c. party conventions
 - d. no third term for Presidents
- _____ 8. Which are the two ways Congress may informally amend the Constitution?
- a. laws that expand the brief provisions of the Constitution, laws that further define expressed powers
 - b. laws that require the courts to decide their constitutionality, laws that affect the President
 - c. laws that recommend an action, laws that require an action
 - d. laws that require popular support, laws that affect foreign relations
- _____ 9. Which of the following is one reason that Presidents use informal executive agreements with heads of foreign states instead of the formal treaty process?
- a. Presidents want the right to back out of any agreements they make.
 - b. Heads of foreign states prefer informal agreements.
 - c. Congress refuses to support the President in foreign affairs.
 - d. Informal agreements do not require Senate approval.
- _____ 10. The fact that government in the United States is in many ways government through political party is...
- a. because George Washington was a strong supporter of political parties.
 - b. the result of a long history of informal amendments.
 - c. because of the section of the Constitution concerning the Electoral college.
 - d. due to a Supreme Court decision.