

# The Amendments

## American History Lesson with the TI-73 Explorer™

### Subjects

- American History
- Government

### Grades

- 6-8

### Brief Description

Students will be introduced to the 27 amendments to the Constitution. Then, the students will sort the amendments into their own categories and explain their choices. Lastly, the students will choose 10 amendments and explain them in their own words.

### Objectives

Students will

- Sort and categorize the amendments
- Analyze and re-write the amendments in their own words

### Keywords

Amendments, Bill of Rights, The Constitution

### Materials Needed

- *Amendment StudyCards™* (<http://education.ti.com/studycards/73history>)
- StudyCards Creator and StudyCards App.
- TI-73 Explorer™ for each student or group of students
- Chart paper
- Sticky pad
- Markers/crayons
- Tape

## Lesson Plan

Before you begin, make sure that you have the StudyCards™ App on your TI-73 Explorer™. To find out, turn your unit on and press the Apps key. If you do not see "StudyCrd" you can download it at <http://education.ti.com/studycards>. Also, download the StudyCards™ Creator Software to create your own StudyCards stacks.

### Setup and Procedure

1. Download the StudyCards Creator Software if necessary (see above). Download the amendment StudyCards to your computer (see link under materials needed) and save to your Windows® desktop.
2. Once the download is complete, close the dialog box and go to your desktop.
3. From the desktop of your computer, drag and drop the *Amendment* StudyCards stack onto the StudyCards Creator Software icon on your desktop.
4. The StudyCards Creator Software will automatically open.
5. Once you have the software open with your list showing you can scroll through the amendments on your computer.
6. To download the StudyCards stack to your TI-73 Explorer, right click on the amendment stack on your computer desktop. With your TI-GRAPH LINK™ cable connected to your computer and your handheld, click on send to connected TI device (store in RAM) and the application will transfer to your handheld.
7. Using a unit-to-unit cable, transfer the StudyCards stack to each of the student's units.

#### Unit-to-Unit Transfer

From the teacher unit press the APPS key and select Link. With **SEND** highlighted scroll down to AppVars and press enter. Scroll down to **LANDFORM** and press enter to select it. Then using the right arrow key, highlight TRANSMIT. For the student unit, press **APPS** and select Link. Then using the right arrow key highlight **RECEIVE** and press "enter". Repeat these steps as needed.

8. Press the Apps key and select StudyCards. Press any key to start the program and then press *Choose New Stack* from the main menu to view the *Amendment* set. Use your TI-73 Explorer to flip through the amendments.

## **Application**

1. Discuss and explain the amendments. Check for understanding.
2. After the class discussion, break the students into cooperative groups of three or four members.
3. Distribute the materials and have the group's sort and categorize the amendments. The groups will need chart paper, markers/crayons, sticky pads, and tape.
4. The students will write the numbers 1-27 on the sticky notes and place them into categories. As the students are categorizing, they will need to write their categories on the chart paper. The groups may use a miscellaneous category.
5. After each group completes the chart, they will tape their chart to the wall. Then, all members of each group will stand and explain their choices to the class.

## **Assessment**

Each student will choose 10 Amendments to explain in their own words and illustrate their explanations.