

Section 3 Quiz
Informal Amendment**A. Key Terms and Concepts**

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

Column I

- _____ 1. changes in the Constitution that do not involve changes in the written document
- _____ 2. advisory board to the President
- _____ 3. a formal agreement between two or more sovereign states
- _____ 4. the group that formally selects the nation's President
- _____ 5. a pact a President makes with the head of a foreign state

Column II

- a. informal amendment
- b. executive agreement
- c. electoral college
- d. Cabinet
- e. treaty

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. Supreme Court case decisions
 - d. general election
- _____ 7. Which of the following informal customs was eventually 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. Congress may informally amend the Constitution by passing laws that
 - a. expand the brief provisions of the Constitution.
 - b. require the courts to decide their constitutionality.
 - c. require popular support.
 - d. none of the above.
- _____ 9. Which of the following is one reason that Presidents use 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. Executive 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.