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The 15th Amendment protects all men's right to vote, regardless of race. The 19th Amendment protects women's right to vote. These are both important because they gave new rights to groups who had never before had the right to vote.

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1st: The idea must be proposed by two thirds of the states or by two thirds of the House AND Senate

2nd It must then be ratified (made law) by three fourths of the State Legislatures or by three fourths of the states at state conventions.

3.) The 5th amendment protects a citizen's right for "due process." What does the right of due process mean?

Due process means everyone gets fair treatment under the law.

4.) How can citizens participate in government?

Vote, contact officials to support or change a law, run for office

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