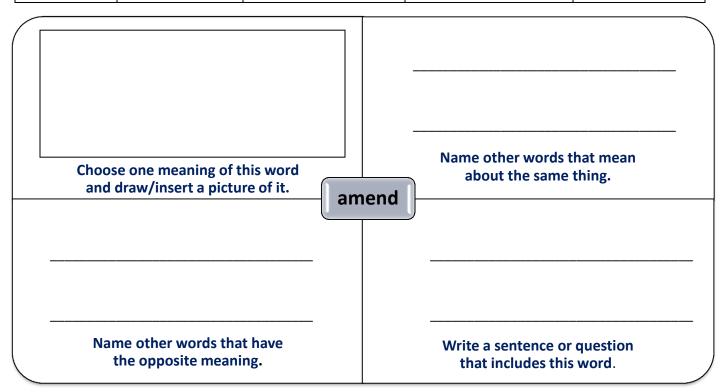
ACADEMIC VOCABULARY FOCUS: amend



✓ On January 10, 1878, Senator A.A. Sargent of California introduced a bill that would **amend** the U.S. Constitution and grant women the right to vote. The bill didn't pass until 1920—42 years later—as the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Women finally had the right to vote.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
to amend	verb	1) to improve or make	amend comes from the	amendment,
		better; 2) to remove	Latin <i>emendare,</i>	<i>amender</i> (noun);
		the faults, errors, or	meaning "to free of	<i>amendable</i> (adj)
		defects	defects"	



Figurative Language

To **make amends** means to make up for something you should have done. *She felt sorry for yelling at her neighbor. She made amends by taking over a plate of cookies and apologizing.* Think of a time when you did something that you shouldn't have done. What did you do? How did you make amends?

