

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to support the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will reread the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out the final summary graphic organizer.
GRADE LEVEL	PASSAGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Article II	vice president	war
enforce	education	powerful
	consent	two

Each branch of the federal (national) government has unique responsibilities. The federal government is structured and designed this way to prevent any one branch of the government from becoming too _____. The Executive Branch refers to the offices of the president and vice-president and has many different purposes. However, its main purpose is to carry out and _____ laws. This branch, also known as _____, makes sure that the laws of the United States are being followed and obeyed.

The president of the United States is the leader of the Executive Branch. There are several people that operate underneath the president to help him. These people include the _____ and the cabinet. The president's cabinet is a critical piece of the Executive Branch because it offers advice and information to the president. The cabinet is a group of advisors that specialize in certain areas like _____ or defense. The cabinet includes 5 different departments such as the Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and the Department of Defense.

The president is the leader of the United States, also known as Head of State. It is his job to make sure the country is operating _____ and fairly. The president has many responsibilities, one is to approve or veto (reject) new laws from Congress (Legislative Branch). The president also enforces laws that have already been passed. The president can appoint Supreme Court judges and cabinet members with _____ (approval) by the Senate. The president is also the Commander-in-Chief of the military. Many mistakenly believe that the president can declare _____ but only Congress has that power. The president is the chief diplomat, which means he works with other countries to negotiate peace treaties and trade agreements.

The position of the president is limited to a maximum of _____ four-year terms. In 1951, the 22nd Amendment was added to the Constitution, preventing any one

TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.



WORD



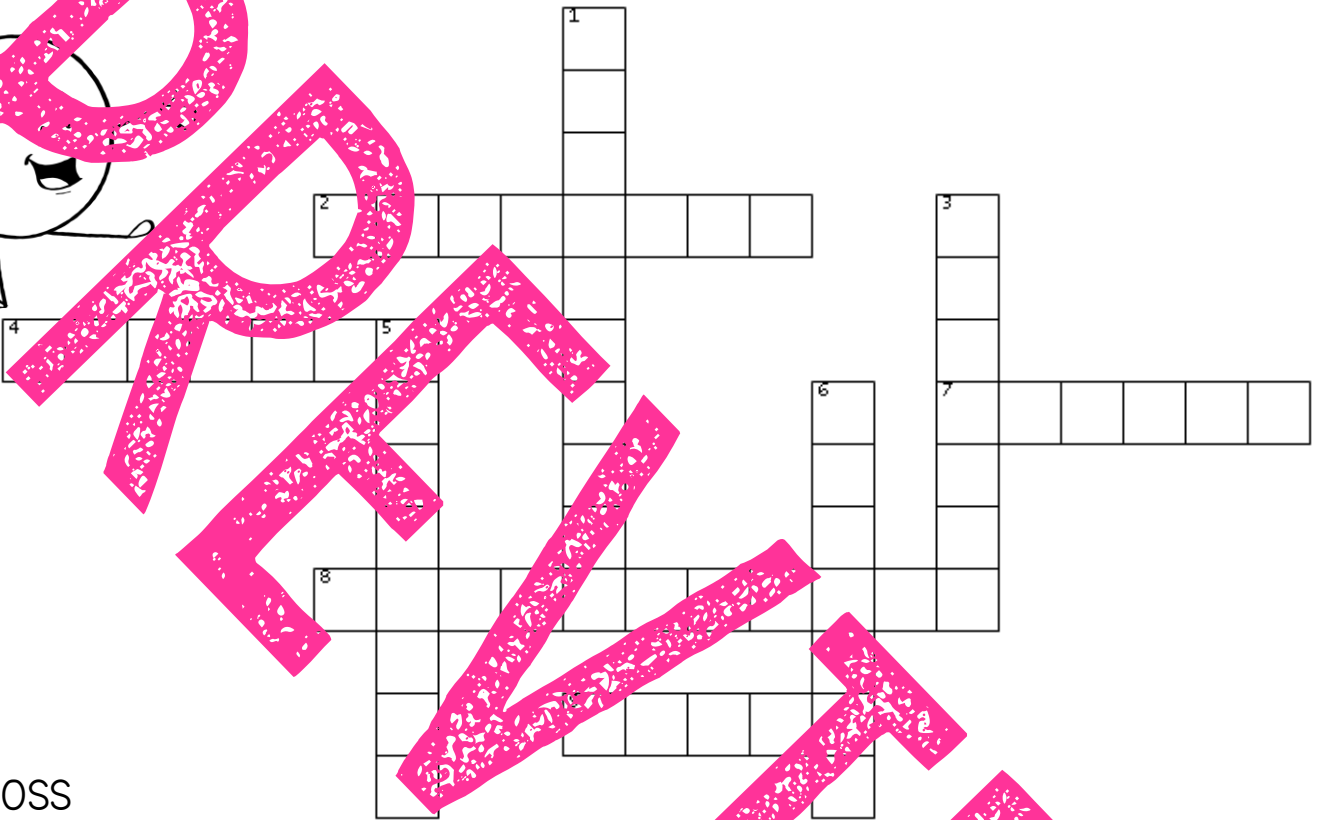
PICTURE



DEFINITION

TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



ACROSS

2. The president is the Commander-in-Chief of the _____
4. The cabinet includes (#) _____ different departments
7. The EOP stands for Executive _____ of the President
8. Means one after another
9. The U.S. Constitution includes _____ requirements to become president

DOWN

1. Both the president and vice-president work in the West Wing of the _____
3. The main purpose of the Executive Branch is to carry out and _____ laws
5. Another word for federal
6. Group of advisors to the president



TASK 6: SUMMARIZE



TOPIC SENTENCE



SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL



SUMMARY



MORE RESOURCES

Click on each icon!

