

ABOUT THIS PACKET

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

| TASK | OVERVIEW |
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| TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS | Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks. |
| TASK 2: VOCABULARY | The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities. |
| TASK 3: RESPOND | Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences. |
| TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE | Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements. |
| TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE | For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions. |
| TASK 6: WORD SEARCH | Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message. |
| FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL) | This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding. |

| GRADE LEVEL | RANGE |
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| 5 | BEGINNING |
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| 5 | END |
| 6 | BEGINNING |
| 6 | MIDDLE |
| 6 | END |
| 7 | BEGINNING |

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK



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

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| requirements | Congress | laws |
| state | bill | Capitol |
| three | lower | I |

The Legislative Branch, or Article _____ of the U.S. Constitution, is part of the federal (national) government of the United States. This branch has the unique and important task of creating laws for the country. The power of the federal government is divided between the _____ branches to have a separation of powers. This means that each branch has a different role and responsibility in ensuring that the federal government operates without becoming excessively powerful. The Legislative Branch is also known as _____. Congress is bicameral which means that it has two houses. Congress is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each of these is referred to as a "house". The Senate, also known as the "upper house" has 100 members, with each state having two Senators. The House of Representatives, also known as the "_____ house," has 435 members but the number of representatives per state is based on population. The people who make the laws are called legislators. Members of Congress work in the U.S. _____ Building in Washington, D.C.

There are different election processes and qualifications for each of the houses. Article I of the U.S. Constitution outlines the requirements to be a Senator. A Senator must be at least 30 years old. They must be a U.S. citizen for at least nine years and live in the _____ they represent. Article I also outlines the _____ to be a Representative. The person must be 25 years old. They must be a U.S. citizen for the last seven years. They also must live in the state that they hope to represent.

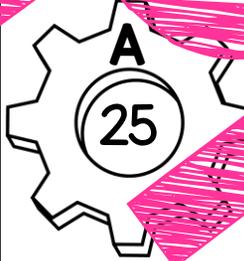
The Legislative Branch helps make sure that the _____ of the federal government are fair and just. An idea for a law, called a bill, must go through many steps called the Legislative Process. A bill must be brought to Congress by either a Senator or a Representative. Then, the _____ gets reviewed further and researched. The bill is debated by the House of Representatives

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

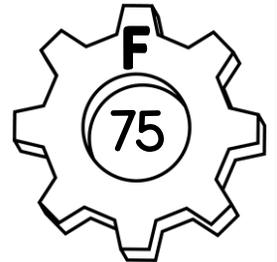


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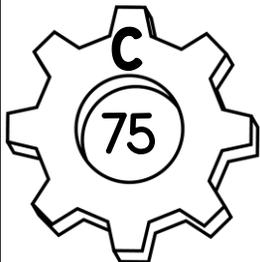
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. The Legislative Branch is also known as Congress.

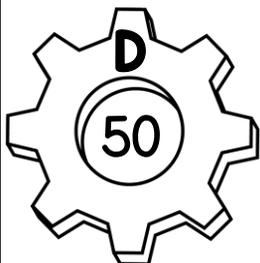
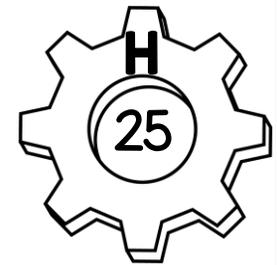


B. The House of Representatives is known as the "upper house."



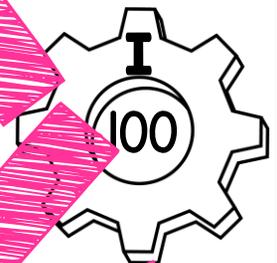
C. There are two Senators in each state.

D. Congress is bicameral which means that it is divided into three houses.



E. The Legislative Branch is Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

F. To become a Senator, the candidate must be at least 35 years old.

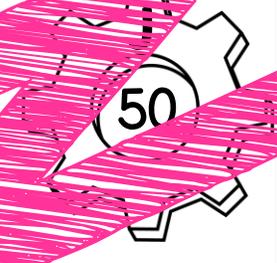


G. Two-thirds of Congress can vote to override a presidential veto.

H. Congress has non-legislative powers such as declaring war.

I. Congress has the power to levy taxes.

J. To ratify means to approve.



TOTAL: _____

TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.

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1. The Legislative Branch is ____.
- A. Article I
 - B. Article II
 - C. Article III
 - D. Article IV

2. Article I contains ____ sections.
- A. 6
 - B. 8
 - C. 10
 - D. 12

3. Each state has ____ Senators.
- A. 2
 - B. 12
 - C. Based on population
 - D. 100

4. A candidate for the House of Representatives must be ____ years old.
- A. 40
 - B. 35
 - C. 30
 - D. 25

5. What word means to approve?
- A. Bicameral
 - B. Ratify
 - C. Levy
 - D. Veto

6. The Senate, also known as the “ ____ house.”
- A. Big
 - B. Lower
 - C. Small
 - D. Upper

7. What amount is needed by Congress to override a presidential veto?
- A. 1/3
 - B. 2/3
 - C. 51%
 - D. 3/4

8. Which of the following is a power given to Congress?
- A. Declare war
 - B. Levy taxes
 - C. Create laws
 - D. All of the above

9. A candidate for the Senate must have been a U.S. citizen for ____ years.
- A. 3
 - B. 6
 - C. 9
 - D. 12

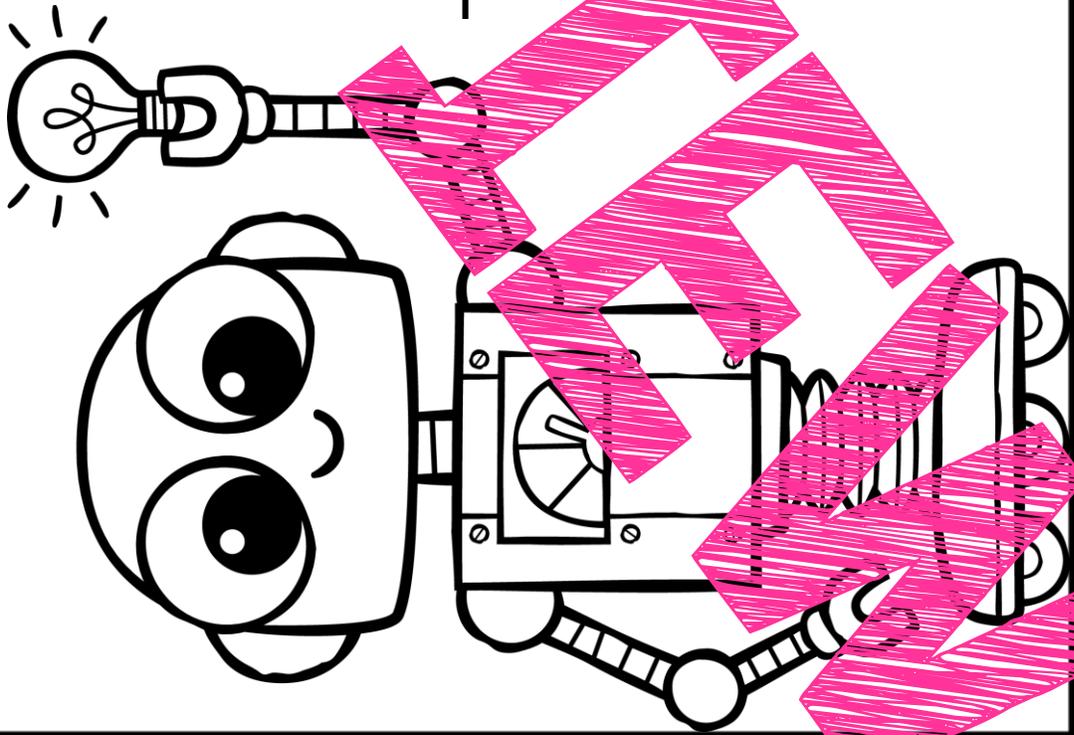
10. An idea for a law must go through many steps called the ____.
- A. Legislative Process
 - B. Executive Process
 - C. Continental Congress
 - D. Law abiding citizenship

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