

# 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
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	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.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	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.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING



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# TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

elector	elect	California
25	435	districts
one	Legislative	Lower

Article I of the US Constitution is the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch, also known as Congress. Congress is bicameral which means that it is made up of two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each house plays a vital role to ensure that the government is balanced. The main purpose of the House of Representatives is to vote on new legislation (laws) along with various other tasks. The House of Representatives is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ House.

The members of the House of Representatives are \_\_\_\_\_ by the people (constituents) of the state in which they live. Every state has at least one representative, while some states have several. This is based on the population of that state. The states are divided into \_\_\_\_\_. Each representative can only represent \_\_\_\_\_ district. A state with a higher population will have a higher number of representatives. For example, New York has a large population and several districts, while Montana has a small population with only one representative for the entire state. \_\_\_\_\_ has the highest number of representatives. Some states like Alaska, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Vermont only have one representative for the entire state.

If a state's population has changed over the years, it may lose or gain representatives. Regardless of those changes, there can only be \_\_\_\_\_ members in the House of Representatives at any given time. The representatives are redistributed in each state every 10 years to account for the changing populations. In the very first Congress, there were only 65 representatives.

There are qualifications to become a representative listed in the Constitution. The person must be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. They must have lived in the United States for seven years. They also must live in the state that they hope to represent. If they meet these qualifications, the people can \_\_\_\_\_ that person to represent them in the House of Representatives for their district. Once

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

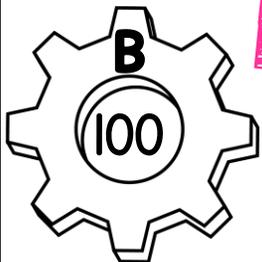


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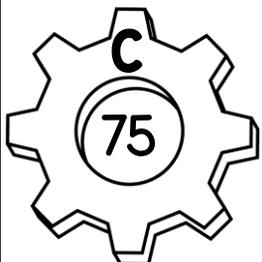
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



**A.** The House of Representatives is also known as the Lower House.



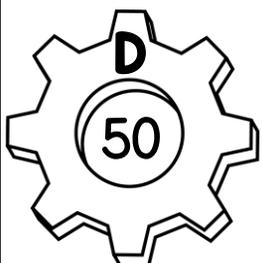
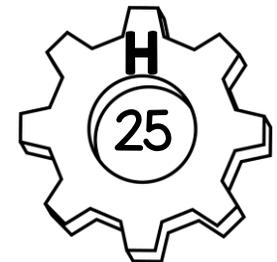
**B.** There are no term limits in the House of Representatives.



**C.** Janet Reno was the first woman elected to the House of Representatives in 1916.

**D.**

Congress is bicameral which means that it is made up of two houses.



**E.**

Candidates for the House must be at least 25 years old.

**F.**

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



**G.**

In the very first Congress, there were only 65 representatives.

**H.**

A state with a higher population will have a higher number of representatives.

**I.**

There are no qualifications to become a representative listed in the Constitution.

**J.**

The main purpose of the House is to make new bills and laws.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

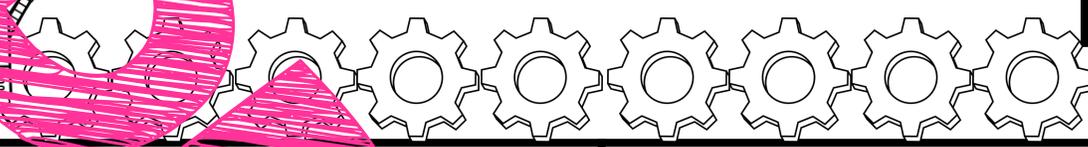
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. What word means to accuse or charge with misconduct while in office?

- A. Veto
- B. Commerce
- C. Impeach
- D. Appeal

6. Candidates for the House must have lived in the U.S. for \_\_\_ years.

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 11

2. Every state has at least \_\_\_ representative in the House.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

7. How many members does the House of Representatives have?

- A. 100
- B. 238
- C. 435
- D. 535

3. What is the leader of the House called?

- A. Secretary of State
- B. President Pro Tempore
- C. Speaker of the House
- D. Vice President

8. Representatives are required to participate in \_\_\_ committees.

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8

4. Representatives serve a \_\_\_ term.

- A. 2 year
- B. 4 year
- C. 6 year
- D. 8 year

9. The Legislative Branch is Article \_\_\_.

- A. I
- B. II
- C. III
- D. IV

5. Which state has the highest number of representatives?

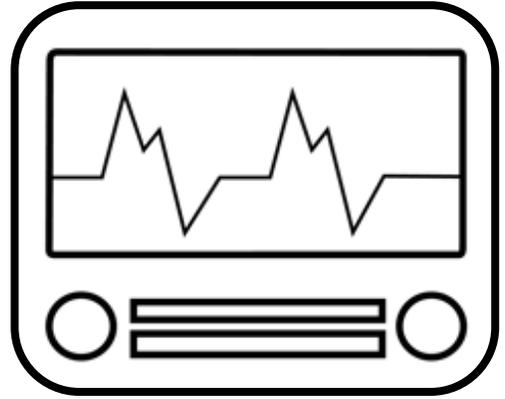
- A. Florida
- B. Texas
- C. New York
- D. California

10. All \_\_\_ bills have to start in the House of Representatives.

- A. Election
- B. Housing
- C. Military
- D. Tax

# BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



# Brilliant Bot Builder



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*For successfully  
completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*

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