

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
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 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

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

2/3	November	President
Judicial	Senate	branches
powerful	100	create

There are three different sections of government in the United States. These different sections are referred to as _____. Each of the branches has a different purpose and function. The branches work together in many forms, but the power of each branch is separated from the powers of the other branches. This is to prevent one branch of government from becoming too _____ and known as checks and balances. The three branches of government are the Legislative, Executive, and _____.

The Legislative Branch, Article I, includes the _____ and the House of Representatives. It is considered bicameral, which means it has two houses or parts. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives together are called Congress. The main purpose of this branch is to write or _____ bills that become laws. This branch also restricts the power of the president, if needed. If the president vetoes, or rejects a bill, Congress can override it with _____ vote and make it a law. The Legislative Branch also has other functions. It can declare war, impeach the president, confirm or reject treaties, and approve or deny the president's appointments. The Legislative Branch also has special agencies that provide support and help inform Congress on decisions. The citizens of the United States vote for Senators and Representatives to represent them in Congress. The Senate has _____ members, and the House has _____.

The Executive Branch, Article II, includes the _____ of the United States. The president is the leader of the Executive Branch with the title Head of State. The Executive Branch also includes the Vice President, and a group of advisors called the Cabinet. The citizens of the United States vote for both the President and Vice President on election day in _____. The members of the Cabinet are appointed (picked or chosen) by the president, then _____.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

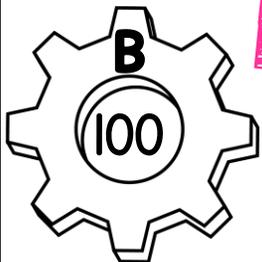


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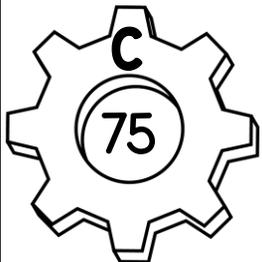
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



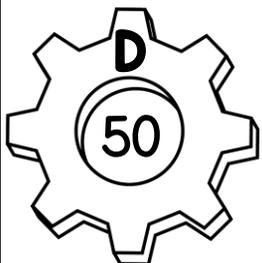
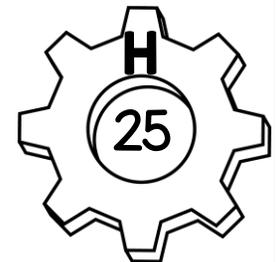
A. The Judicial Branch interprets the laws.



B. The Legislative Branch is also known as Congress.



C. The Senate has 435 members.



D. Members of the Judicial Branch are appointed by the president, then approved by the Senate.



E. The Executive Branch is Article III.

F. All three branches of government are headquartered in Washington, DC.

G. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States.

H. Presidents may serve two consecutive six-year terms.

I. Congress is considered bicameral, which means it has two houses.

J. Congress can override a veto with $\frac{1}{2}$ vote.

TOTAL: _____

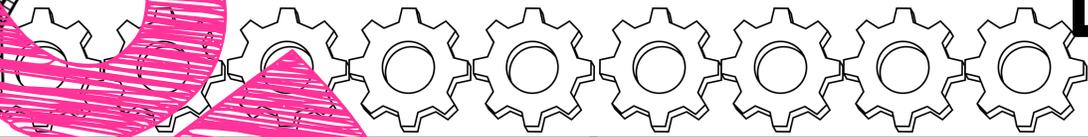
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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



1. Which branch is Article II?

- A. Legislative
- B. Executive
- C. Congress
- D. Judicial

6. What word means 'to approve'?

- A. Cabinet
- B. Preamble
- C. Confirm
- D. Veto

2. Which branch makes the laws?

- A. Legislative
- B. Executive
- C. Parliament
- D. Judicial

7. Which article is the federal court system?

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

3. Which branch can declare war?

- A. Legislative
- B. Executive
- C. Congress
- D. Judicial

8. Members of the Judicial Branch are appointed by the ____.

- A. House of Representatives
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Senate
- D. President

4. What is the term of a Supreme Court justice?

- A. 2 years
- B. 6 years
- C. 8 years
- D. Life

9. Which branch includes the Cabinet?

- A. Legislative
- B. Executive
- C. Congress
- D. Judicial

5. How long is one presidential term?

- A. 2 years
- B. 12 years
- C. 4 years
- D. 8 years

10. The citizens of the United States vote for both the President and Vice President on election day in ____.

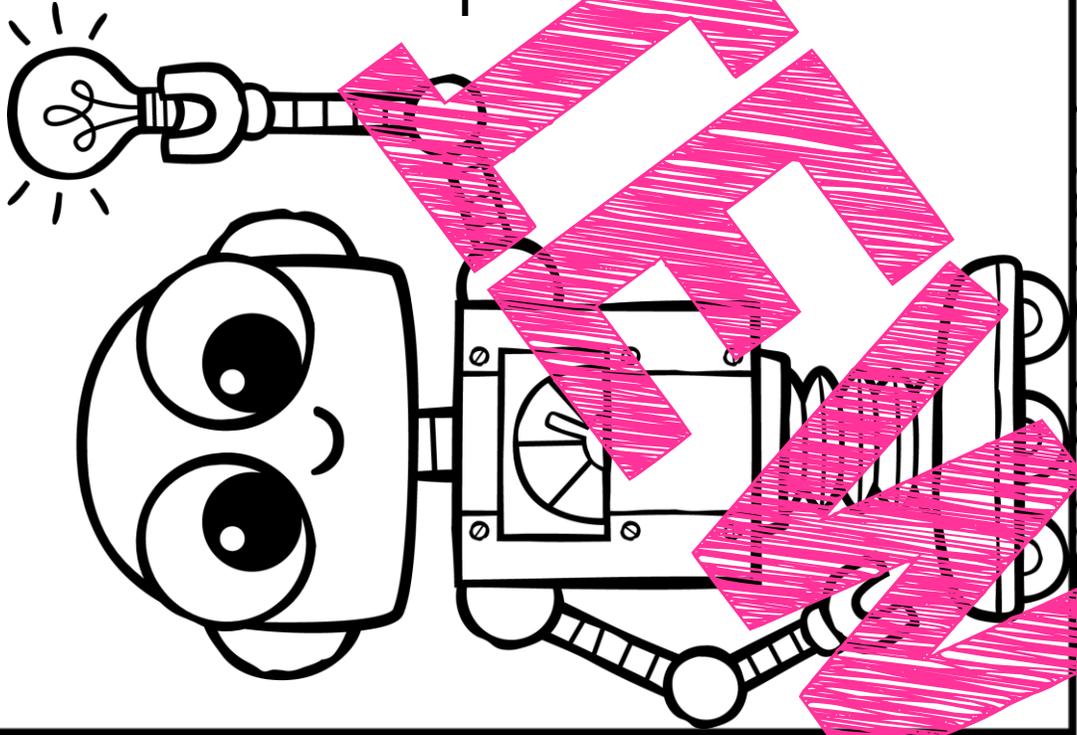
- A. December
- B. January
- C. November
- D. October

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