

Congress in a Flash

Directions: Using the “Congress in a Flash” iCivics reading, answer the following questions and vocabulary activities.

The Powers of Congress

1. What branch of government does the U.S. Congress represent?
2. What are the two chambers of Congress?
3. What states are represented by the chambers?

Vocabulary Word	Definition (In your own words)
legislative branch	
federal (national) laws	
bicameral	

Why Congress?

4. What was the goal of the U.S. Constitution when it was written?
5. What does Congress do?
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 - Represents the _____
 - Senators-
 - House-

How does it work?

6. Where can you find the instructions for Congress?

	The Senate	The House of Representatives
Size		
Who qualifies?		
They represent...		
Special Duties		
Checks and Balances		
Role in Lawmaking		

The Powers of Congress

7. List 5 examples of enumerated powers that Congress has.

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Who's In Charge?

Vocabulary Word	Definition (In your own words)
President Pro Tempore	
Speaker of the House	

Making Laws

8. What is a bill?

9. Where do bills start?