**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)** |
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| legislative branch |  |
| federal (national) laws |  |
| bicameral |  |

**Why Congress?**

1. What was the goal of the U.S. Constitution when it was written?
2. What does Congress do?

* Represents the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Senators-
  + House-

**How does it work?**

1. Where can you find the instructions for Congress?

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

**The Powers of Congress**

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



**Who’s In Charge?**

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

**Making Laws**

1. What is a bill?
2. Where do bills start?