

Congress: The Legislative Branch Guided Reading Activity

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Section 1

READING THE SECTION

In the space provided, write the vocabulary term that best matches each description.

- _____ 1. A bill that sets aside funds for a specific purpose.
- _____ 2. The people who live within the geographic area represented by a member of Congress.
- _____ 3. The process of charging officials in the executive and judicial branches with wrongdoing and bringing them to trial.
- _____ 4. The distribution of seats in the House of Representatives among the states based on population.
- _____ 5. Congress's power to review the operations of the executive branch to make sure it is following the laws Congress has passed.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

6. What two groups do members of Congress represent? How do they balance the needs of these two groups?

7. How is the number of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate determined?

8. What is the "power of the purse"? How does it act as a check on the power of the executive branch?

