

Reading Assignments for Unit 5 Power Points
The Legislative Branch

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 1 – 9 / Corresponding Text Pages: 122 – 126

Main Topics of these Power Points:

1. Article 1 of the Constitution: law-making powers
2. Representation of constituents
3. Bicameral structure of Congress: The House and the Senate
4. Checks and balances
5. Powers of the purse
6. Power of advice and consent
7. Impeachment power
8. Power in the amendment process
9. Power of oversight

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 10 – 14 / Corresponding Text Pages: 128 – 135

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. The powers of Congress
2. Expressed Powers, Implied Powers, Inherent Powers
3. Additional Powers
4. Non-legislative powers

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 15 – 16 / Corresponding Text Pages: 135 – 136

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. What Congress can and cannot do
2. All part of the realities of separation of powers and checks and balances

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 17 – 24 / Corresponding Text Pages: 137 – 141

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. The House of Representatives
2. Reapportioning and Redistricting
3. Baker v. Carr: One person, one vote
4. House leadership
5. Congressional Committees in the House of Representatives
6. Standing Committees, Select Committees, Joint Committees

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 25 – 29 / Corresponding Text Pages: 143 – 147

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. The Senate
2. Senate leadership
3. Party leaders
4. Senate Committees
5. Rules and traditions of the Senate

Unit 5 Power Point Slides: 30 – 36 / Corresponding Text Pages: 149 – 155

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. The legislative actions of Congress: making laws
2. The process of how a bill becomes a law
3. Committee and sub-committee hearings
4. Veto powers of the President
5. Pork barrel bills

Unit 5 Review Questions: Students should be able to answer the following questions after having read the assigned text pages.

1. How does Congress represent the people?
2. Why is the structure of Congress important?
3. What is the role of Congress in the system of checks and balances?
4. What types of powers does Congress have?
5. What are the expressed powers of Congress?
6. What are the implied powers of Congress?
7. What are Congress's non-legislative powers?
8. What are some of the limits on the powers of Congress?
9. How has the power of Congress changed during US history?
10. What are the key features of the House of Representatives and its membership?
11. What are some of the challenges that reapportionment and redistricting raise?
12. How is the leadership of the House organized?
13. What is the role of committees in the operation of the house?
14. What are the major features of the House of the Senate and its membership?
15. What are the Senate's leadership posts?
16. What is the role of the committees in the Senate?
17. What are some of the distinctive rules and traditions of the Senate?
18. How are bills introduced in Congress?
19. What happens to a bill in committee?
20. What happens to a bill on the floor of the House and Senate?
21. What is a conference committee?
22. What actions can a president take on a bill?