

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH LESSON ANSWER KEY

The Legislative Branch

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. Name one branch or part of the government.
 - **Congress**
 - **executive**
 - **legislative**
 - **the courts**
 - **President**
 - **judicial**
 2. Who makes federal laws?
 - **Congress**
 - **Senate and House (of Representatives)**
 - **(U.S. or national) legislature**
 3. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress? **the Senate and House (of Representatives)**
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The U.S. Senate

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. How many U.S. Senators are there? **one hundred (100)**
 2. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years? **six (6)**
 3. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators now? **Answers will vary**
 4. Who does a U.S. Senator represent? **all people of the state**
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The U.S. House of Representatives

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. The House of Representatives has how many voting members? **four hundred thirty-five (435)**
 2. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years? **two (2)**
 3. Name your U.S. Representative. **Answers will vary**
 4. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
 - **(because of) the state's population**
 - **(because) they have more people**
 - **(because) some states have more people**
 5. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
the Speaker of the House
 6. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now? **Paul D. Ryan**
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True or False—U.S. Congress

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Read the sentences below. If the sentence is true, circle "TRUE." If the sentence is false, circle "FALSE" and correct the sentence. Look at the example.

Example:

Washington, DC
Congress meets in ~~New York City~~. TRUE FALSE

1. The Senate has ~~50~~ **100** members. TRUE FALSE
2. Some states have more U.S. representatives than other states. TRUE FALSE
3. We elect a U.S. Representative for ~~four~~ **two** years. TRUE FALSE
4. Congress is divided into ~~three~~ **two** parts. TRUE FALSE
5. Senators represent all people in a ~~city~~ **state**. TRUE FALSE
6. The House of Representatives has ~~445~~ **435** voting members. TRUE FALSE
7. Congress makes federal laws. TRUE FALSE
8. We elect a U.S. Senator for six years. TRUE FALSE
9. Every state has two ~~Representatives~~ **Senators**. TRUE FALSE
10. Representatives represent all people in one district. TRUE FALSE

U.S. Senate

100 members

represent all people in one state

two members from each state

Vice President

six-year term

U.S. House of Representatives

two-year term

435 voting members

Speaker of the House

represent people in one district

number of members from each state depends on population

Both Parts of Congress

must be a U.S. citizen

make federal laws

no limit on terms

must be a resident of the state

Civics Test Questions—Legislative Branch

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Read the test questions and write the answers. Take turns practicing them with your partner.

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