Article 1 of the Constitution

Legislative Branch Job Description Poster



OR



Representative

Senator

Read and annotate the reading on the jobs in the Federal Government

- 1. Create a catchy Help Wanted title. (*Advertise the job of being a Senator or Representative!*)
- 2. Write the qualities desired/necessary for the job. **5 Qualities** (*examples: intelligent, confident*)
- 3. Write the requirements for the job. (How old do you have to be, etc? Get these from the job description)
- 4. Write the job description. (What powers does each job have?) **USH Show the powers (p** 145-148)
- 5. How does your job check or balance the others? (USH p. 146)
- 6. **Additional Powers** listed in the Constitution **(LIST 3-4)** (Review the Constitution) p. 147/p. 155 Section 8 of the Constitution
- 7. How much does your congress person get paid? (extra benefits?)
- 8. What is a possible committee that your congress person could serve on (2 or 3)? House Senate

Examples:

Presidential Poster Justice Poster

Grading Rubric

Separation of Powers



U.S. Constitution

Legislative Branch (Congress)

- · Writes the laws
- Confirms presidential appointments
- Approves treaties
- · Grants money
- Declares war

Executive Branch (President)

- Proposes laws
- · Administers the laws
- · Commands armed forces
- Appoints ambassadors and other officials
- · Conducts foreign policy
- Makes treaties

Judicial Branch (Supreme Court)

- Interprets the Constitution and other laws
- · Reviews lower-court decisions

Checks and Balances



Checks on:

Legislative Branch

· May adjourn Congress in certain situations

Executive Branch (President)

May veto bills

Judicial Branch

Appoints judges

Legislative Branch (Congress)

Checks on:

Executive Branch

- · May reject appointments
- · May reject treaties
- · May withhold funding for presidential initiatives
- · May impeach president
- · May override a veto

Judicial Branch

- May propose constitutional amendments to overrule judicial decisions
- May impeach Supreme Court justices

Judicial Branch (Supreme Court)

Checks on:

Executive Branch

· May declare executive actions unconstitutional

Legislative Branch

· May declare laws unconstitutional