

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Branch – Briefly

**Directions:** We are studying an important document, the U.S. Constitution. Answer the questions on this worksheet by looking at Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution, which is the pink packet given to you with the Capitol Building on the front.

1. What is Article 1 of the Constitution about? \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at Article 1, Section 1**

2. What is another name for the Legislative Branch?

- a. President                      b. Supreme Court                      c. Congress

3. \_\_\_\_\_ True or False - The power of the Legislative Branch is to make laws.

4. What are the two parts of Congress? (Copy the spelling carefully. These are words we will use often and you should practice spelling them correctly, please.)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at Article 1, Section 2 - This is information about the House of Representatives.**

5. How long does a member of the House of Representatives serve in the Congress?

- a. two years                      b. four years                      c. six years                      d. eight years

6. To be elected to the House, you must be a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, be at least 25 years old, and live in the state where you are elected. This information is found in:

Document Name \_\_\_\_\_

Article # \_\_\_\_\_

Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Clause # \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 (Both paragraphs!)**

7. \_\_\_\_\_ True or False - The number of representatives is the same for every state.

8. What is the name of the process used for counting the population and how often is it done? (Write a complete sentence by restating and answering both parts of this question.)

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**Look at Article 1, Section 3, Clauses 1-3 - This is information about the Senate.**

9. The Senate is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ Senators from each state.

10. Senators serve a term of \_\_\_\_\_ years. (Put your thinking cap on to figure this out. Use the hint below to help you.)

In Clause 2, it says: "Senate terms overlap. Every two years one-third of senators end their term and must either leave or stand for re-election." Look at this chart which will help you understand what this means:

First 1/3	Second 1/3	Third 1/3
Election....Then 2 yrs. passes	Election....Then 2 yrs. passes	Election....Then 2 yrs. passes
*The first third will be elected again after the cycle is over.		

11. A member of the Senate must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old and a U.S. citizen for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ True or False - All states get the same number of Senators.

13. Using the information you now know, which member of Congress serves a longer term?  
a. a member of the House of Representatives      b. a member of the Senate

14. Where would you look to find out how a bill becomes a law? Section # \_\_\_\_\_

15. Congress has many powers, shown in **Section 8**. Such as....

Clause 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Clause 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Clause 11: \_\_\_\_\_

16. In what building does the Legislative Branch work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Draw a little sketch of this building... (Basic shape)

17. Most importantly, the main job of the Legislative Branch is to \_\_\_\_\_.