

**GUIDED READING****CHAPTER 1: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP****Section 3: The Federal Government**

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 32-47 to complete the following statements.

**The Legislative Branch**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ article of the U.S. Constitution established the legislative branch of the federal government.
2. The Senate is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ representatives from each state—a total of \_\_\_\_\_ members.
3. A senator must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a citizen of the U.S. for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years, and a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ he or she represents.
4. Originally, senators were chosen by their \_\_\_\_\_. In 1913, the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment provided that the senators be elected by the people.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States serves as the president of the Senate but does not vote on issues unless there is a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate (the senior member of the majority party) presides over the Senate when the vice president is absent.
7. A member of the House of Representatives must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, a citizen of the U.S. for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years, and a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ he or she represents.
8. The Reapportionment Act of 1929 set a limit of \_\_\_\_\_ members in the U.S. House of Representatives.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the leader of the House and is always a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ party.
10. Based on its population in the 2000 census, West Virginia kept its \_\_\_\_\_ representatives.
11. The Constitution gives powers to Congress, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. All bills to raise revenue must originate in the \_\_\_\_\_.

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13. The Senate has the sole power to ratify \_\_\_\_\_ and to confirm individuals to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ members or in other high-ranking government positions.
14. The legislative work of Congress is accomplished mainly through \_\_\_\_\_.
15. There are four basic types of committees: \_\_\_\_\_ committees, \_\_\_\_\_ committees, \_\_\_\_\_ committees, and \_\_\_\_\_ committees.
16. Bills can be introduced in either the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_. After introduction, bills are sent to \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration.
17. If different versions of a bill are approved by different houses of Congress, a \_\_\_\_\_ committee works out a compromise.
18. If the president \_\_\_\_\_ a bill, the bill is returned to Congress. A \_\_\_\_\_ vote of both houses of Congress is required to override a presidential \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Executive Branch**

19. The executive branch makes sure that the laws passed by the legislative branch are \_\_\_\_\_.
20. West Virginia has \_\_\_\_\_ votes of the total of \_\_\_\_\_ votes in the Electoral College.
21. During a presidential election, in reality, a vote for a candidate is a vote for the candidate's \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Qualifications for the president and vice president are the \_\_\_\_\_. Both must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, \_\_\_\_\_-born citizens, and residents of the U.S. for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years.
23. The vice president assumes the presidency if the president \_\_\_\_\_ in office, resigns, or is removed by the \_\_\_\_\_ process.
24. The Constitution gives the president a number of powers, including (1) appointing and dismissing thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ employees; (2) acting as \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation's armed forces; (3) recommending \_\_\_\_\_; (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bills or signing them into law; (5) receiving \_\_\_\_\_

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representatives; (6) \_\_\_\_\_ offenders against the U.S.; (7) entering into \_\_\_\_\_ or compacts with foreign nations; and (8) issuing \_\_\_\_\_.

25. Agencies in the \_\_\_\_\_ include the Office of Management and Budget, the National Security Council, and the Council of Economic Advisors.

26. Members of the \_\_\_\_\_ serve as official advisors to the president.

27. Congress has created a number of \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the public interest and keep the government and economy working smoothly.

### **The Judicial Branch**

28. The Constitution established the \_\_\_\_\_ Court as the highest court in the land.

Currently, it has a \_\_\_\_\_ justice and \_\_\_\_\_ associate justices.

29. The Supreme Court has both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction.

30. When the Supreme Court decides a case on constitutional grounds, that decision becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ (guideline), both for lower courts and for laws about similar issues.

31. The greatest power of the Supreme Court is that of \_\_\_\_\_. By its decision in *Marbury v. Madison*, the Court established the principle that it could declare laws or presidential acts \_\_\_\_\_.

32. Congress divided the nation into eleven judicial areas, called \_\_\_\_\_ plus the District of Columbia.

33. West Virginia has two judges who serve on the \_\_\_\_\_ District Court of Appeals. These courts have appellate jurisdiction, \_\_\_\_\_ the cases tried in lower courts.

34. Under the courts of appeal are ninety-four \_\_\_\_\_ courts, which are the federal \_\_\_\_\_ courts.

35. West Virginia is divided into a \_\_\_\_\_ District (with \_\_\_\_\_ judges) and a \_\_\_\_\_ District (with \_\_\_\_\_ judges).

36. The final part of the federal judicial system is a series of courts created by \_\_\_\_\_ to

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deal with special kinds of cases.

### **Checks and Balances**

37. The men who wrote our Constitution provided for a system of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the branches of equal importance.

38. The power to pass a bill was given to the \_\_\_\_\_ branch, but the \_\_\_\_\_ branch must either sign the bill or veto it.

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch cannot write bills or sign them into law, but it can declare a law \_\_\_\_\_.