



Government



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United States Government and Civics The Legislative Branch

GC.10: Analyze Article I and the 17th Amendment of the Constitution as they relate to the legislative branch, including: eligibility for office, roles, length of terms, and election to office for representatives and senators, respectively. (H, P)

GC.11: Describe the census and its role in redistricting and reapportionment, including the role of *Baker v. Carr*. (P, T)

GC.12: Identify leadership positions of the legislative branch, including: (P)

- Majority and minority leaders
- President pro tempore
- Role of the vice president
- Speaker of the House

GC.13: Describe the process of how a bill becomes a law. (P)

GC.14: Identify the Tennessee representatives and senators to U.S. Congress. (P, T)

GC.15: Describe the powers of U.S. Congress, including: (H, P)

- Appropriations
- Commerce
- Confirmations
- Declaration of war
- Implied powers
- Necessary and proper clause

First, read [this article](#) about the structure and function of Congress.

Next, complete [these activities](#) about the constitutional basis of Congress, the varying roles of the House and Senate, and how lawmakers compromise.

Then, play [this game](#) about the lawmaking process.

Finally, answer the question below using the content you learned in the activities above.

- How does the legislative branch carry out the US ideal of a representative democracy?