

Chapter 10

Section 1: The National Legislature

Guiding Question: Why does the Constitution establish a bicameral legislature?

GET STARTED

Lesson Goals:

- Students will understand why the Framers established a bicameral Congress.
- Students will correctly identify the difference between a term and a session of Congress.

Bellringer Students will examine the map “Representation in Congress” on Transparency 10A. Have students answer the question in their notebooks.

Vocabulary Have students use the Glossary to look up each word. Ask for volunteers to read the definitions aloud. Then ask students to write a sentence for each word, using the word correctly.

TEACH

Tell students that in this section they will learn about the structure of Congress and the reasons for that structure. Then ask for volunteers to read the section aloud. As students read, pause at the end of each subsection and summarize the information. Then go over students’ answers to the Bellringer questions.

Ask:

- What does it mean that Congress is bicameral? (*It is made up of two legislative chambers or houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives.*)
- When does each session of Congress begin? (*Congress begins sessions every January.*)
- When does each session of Congress adjourn? (*Each session lasts until the work is completed. Congress usually adjourns in late fall each year.*)

Learning Styles: Interpersonal/Group

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is an example of Congress at work. Explain that the act was the result of long hours of discussion and debate in Congress. Then divide the students into three groups and assign each group a part of this document to read. The text can be accessed by using the search engine at ourdocuments.gov. Then have each group explain to the other groups what they think their part of the document means.

Other Strategies

ELL/ESL Strategy

ASSESS AND REMEDIATE

- Assign the Section Assessment questions; grade student responses.

Chapter Resources

Essential Questions Journal

Prereading and Vocabulary Worksheet

(All-in-One, p. 9)

Chapter 10 Outline (All-in-One, pp. 10–12)

Extend Activity (All-in-One, p. 16)

Other Resources

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

(All-in-One, p. 14)

Section Quiz B (All-in-One, p. 18)

Audio support is available for this section.

Additional features for Differentiated Instruction can be found throughout the Teacher’s Edition.