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THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Research the following elements of the legislative branch to complete the table.



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

What is the role of the legislative branch?	The legislative branch makes the laws.
What is Congress? What are its main parts?	Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. It is broken up into two parts, the House of Representatives and the Senate.
List 3–5 powers that Congress has.	Congress has the power to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make laws • collect taxes • coin or print money • declare war • approve presidential appointments

REPRESENTATIVES

How many people are in each part of Congress?	There are 435 congresspeople in the House of Representatives. A state's number of representatives is based on the state's population. There are 100 senators. Each state has two senators.
What group do members of the House represent?	A member of the House of Representatives is elected by the popular vote to represent a district in their state.
What group do senators represent?	A senator is elected by the popular vote to represent their entire state.
How long is the term of office for a member of the House?	A term in the House is two years long.
How long is the term of office for a senator?	A term in the Senate is six years long.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

Give an example of how Congress can keep the president in check.	Congress can (either of the following): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impeach and remove the president • override a presidential veto with a two-thirds majority
Give an example of how Congress can keep the Supreme Court in check.	Congress can (either of the following): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vote to impeach and remove judges • confirm or reject presidential appointments of judges