

Study Guide Questions for the Legislative Branch

1. How many members serve in the Senate?
2. How many members serve in the House of Representatives?
3. What is the difference between the Speaker of the House and the president pro tempore?
4. How is the Speaker of the House selected?
5. Why is it important to be the chairperson of a standing, select or joint committee?
6. What is happening if the president pro tempore is presiding in the Senate?
7. What important role do the whips play in Congress?
8. The minority leader in the House has which of the important responsibilities?
9. Why is the seniority system in Congress an effective way to select leaders and assign committee members?
10. How does the U.S. Constitution provide for stability and continuity in the Senate?
11. Why are joint committees beneficial to the law making process?
12. What is one way that the founding fathers ensured the House would have the best representation?

Study Guide Questions for the Executive Branch

1. What is the President's role when they help someone campaign for a Senate seat?
2. In what role is the President termed the "living symbol" of the nation?
3. A cabinet department head is appointed by the President but must be confirmed by which part of the U.S. Government?
4. Which cabinet department was formed during President George W. Bush's presidency, after the events of September 11, 2001?
5. Which powers does the United States Constitution give the President?
6. How does a President fulfill the role of economic leader?
7. Although the cabinet is not mentioned in the United States Constitution, it has become an important part of the Executive Office of the President (EOP) through which of the following that was established by George Washington?
8. Why has the role of Party Leader evolved throughout the years as a significant role of the President?
9. What powers does the United States Constitution give the Vice President?
10. Although the Constitution does not award the Vice President many duties, what are some their tasks?
11. In what instances must the U.S. President work with the Senate to exercise the powers granted to the President?
12. Which of the seven roles of the President are NOT listed in the Constitution?

Study Guide Questions for the Judicial Branch

1. The majority of the job of the Supreme Court is to decide whether laws or actions by the government officials are allowed by which document?
2. What kind of decision may the Court issue when all justices agree on a decision and the reasoning behind it?
3. What is the name of the power to say whether any federal, state or local law or government action goes against the Constitution?
4. When an appeals court makes a decision on a case the judge, what does a judge write outlining a detailed explanation for their decision?

5. All federal cases must begin in district court because they have what power to hear a case for the first time?
6. When a case has been tried by a district court and it gets appealed it is handed over to which of court because they appellate jurisdiction before the Supreme Court does?
7. How many justices must vote to hear a Supreme Court case?
8. What power was given when Chief Justice John Marshall declared actions by the Executive Branch unconstitutional?
9. What did Justice Marshall establish that the Constitution was in his laws of judicial review?
10. What is filed when a Supreme Court asks to review a decision of a lower court?
11. What is used during civil litigation to promptly dispose a case without a trial and usually used when there is no dispute as to the material facts of the case?
12. What is the most significant component about the powers of judicial review to the Judicial Branch?