

POWERS OF CONGRESS

3-in-1 kit

Gone over the basics of the Legislative Branch, now what? This kit covers the **real-life workings of Congress** in just a few days.

Multiple **activity options and accommodations** are also included!

TOPICS COVERED

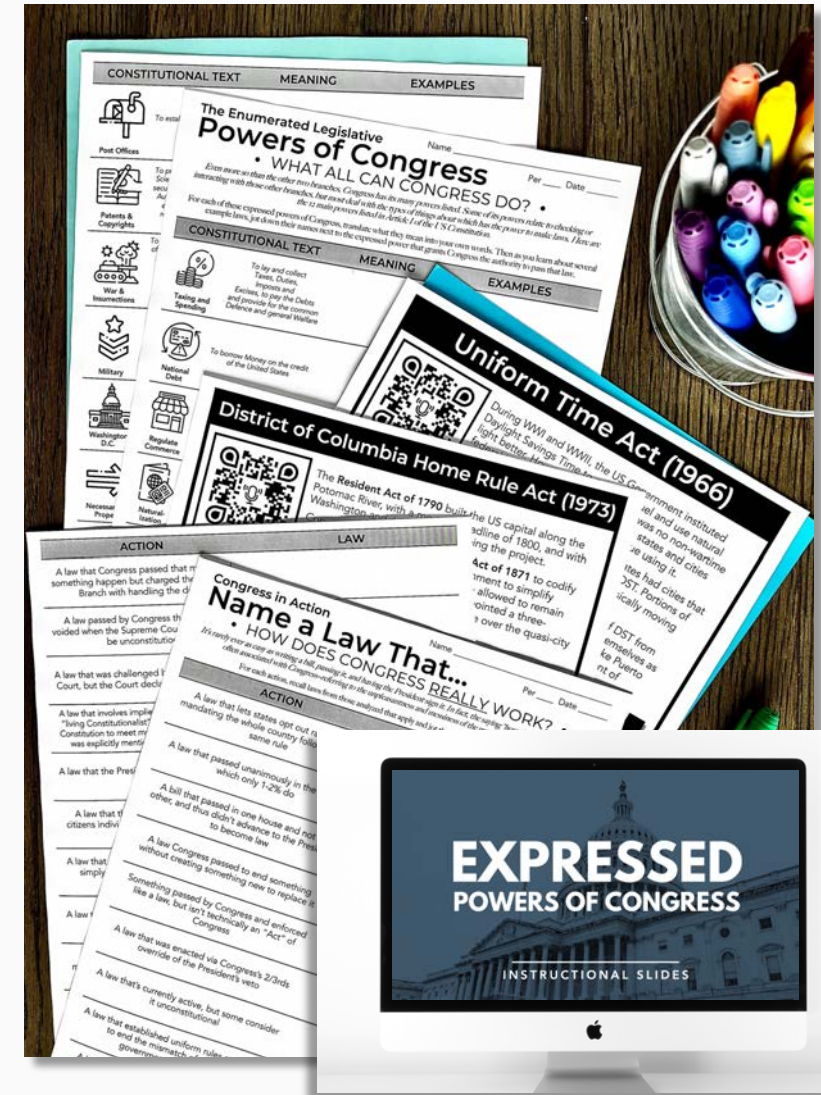
Article I expressed powers of Congress

Landmark legislation that illustrates Congress's powers in action

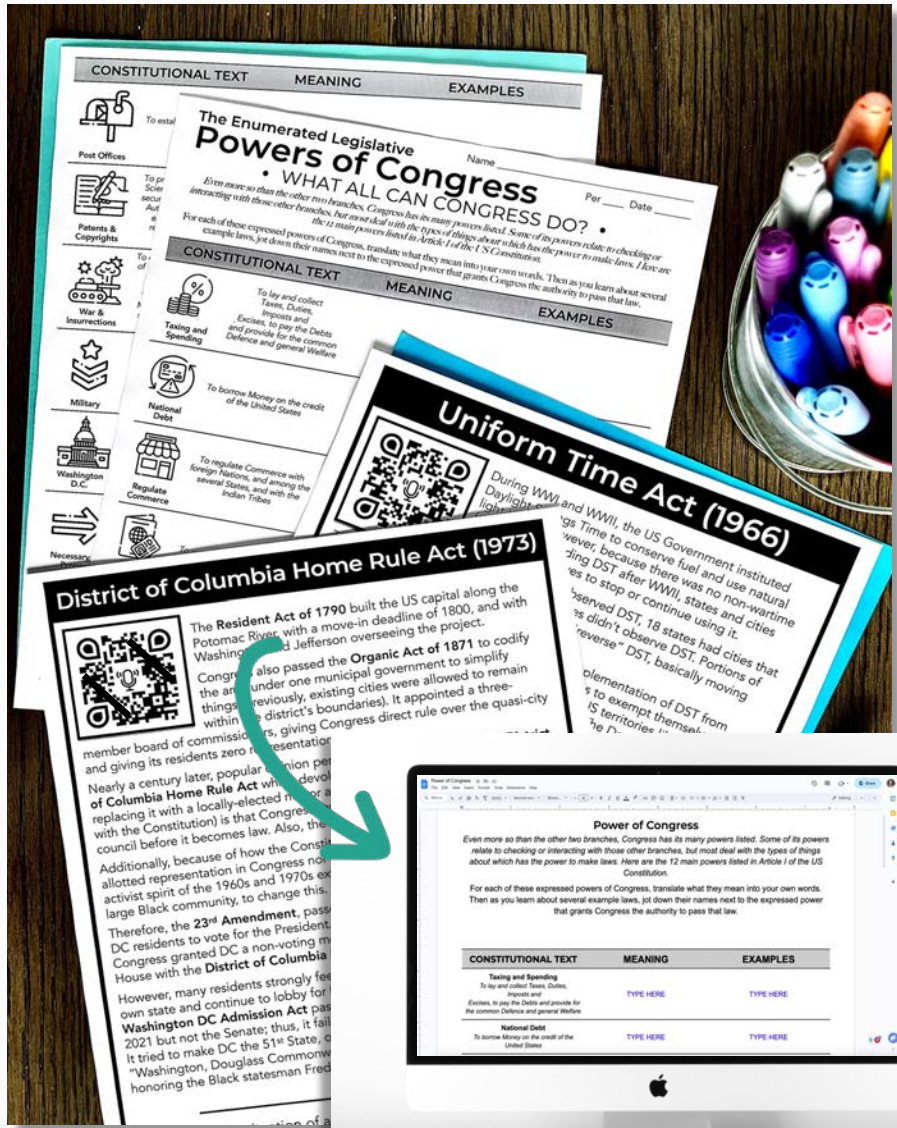
Checks & balances of the legislative process

Inner workings of how Congress really gets things done (and not done!)

INCLUDES BOTH PRINT PDF & GOOGLE FILES



SUPPORT ALL YOUR *students*



Executive Function

- ✓ Three distinct and varied activities (whole-class instruction, small group stations, interactive game)
- ✓ Easy-to-follow worksheet graphic organizers

Struggling, ELL, or Low-Vision Readers

- ✓ Worksheet icons and lecture photos to signal and illustrate each power of Congress
- ✓ Audio recordings of each station's reading
- ✓ Editable version to further adjust reading level, translate languages, or support low-vision students

Options to Tailor to All Your Students

- ✓ Lecture -- whole-class or self-guided
- ✓ Stations – small-group, individual, paper or digital
- ✓ Quiz Game – small-group race, pairs or individual task card review, whole-class review quiz game

I. EXPRESSED POWERS

lecture

INCLUDES

- ✓ 20 Lecture slides in Google Slides and PowerPoint)
- ✓ Slide-by-slide teacher script to teach topic like a pro
- ✓ Accompanying guided notes in both print PDF & Google Doc
- ✓ Visually organized with icons to assist students in understanding

**WEAVE IN REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES
EASILY & IMPACTFULLY**

CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT **MEANING** **EXAMPLES**

The Enumerated Powers of Congress
• **WHAT ALL CAN CONGRESS DO?**
Even more so than the other two branches, Congress has its many powers listed. Some of its powers relate to checking or interacting with those other branches, but most deal with the types of things about which has the power to make laws. Here are the 12 main powers listed in Article I of the US Constitution.
For each of these expressed powers of Congress, translate what they mean into your own words. Then as you learn about several example laws, jot down their names next to the expressed power that grants Congress the authority to pass that law.

CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT	MEANING	EXAMPLES
To establish Post Offices and post roads		
To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries		
To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and to make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water... To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money for that Purpose shall be for a longer Term than two Years; The Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress Insurrections and to repel Invasions		
To provide and maintain a Navy		
To borrow Money on the credit of the United States		
To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes		

What are Congress's EXPRESSED POWERS?
27 total listed in the Constitution
Also called "enumerated" (numbered out) powers
Topics Congress explicitly has the power to make laws about

MONEY
Making, collecting, and borrowing money

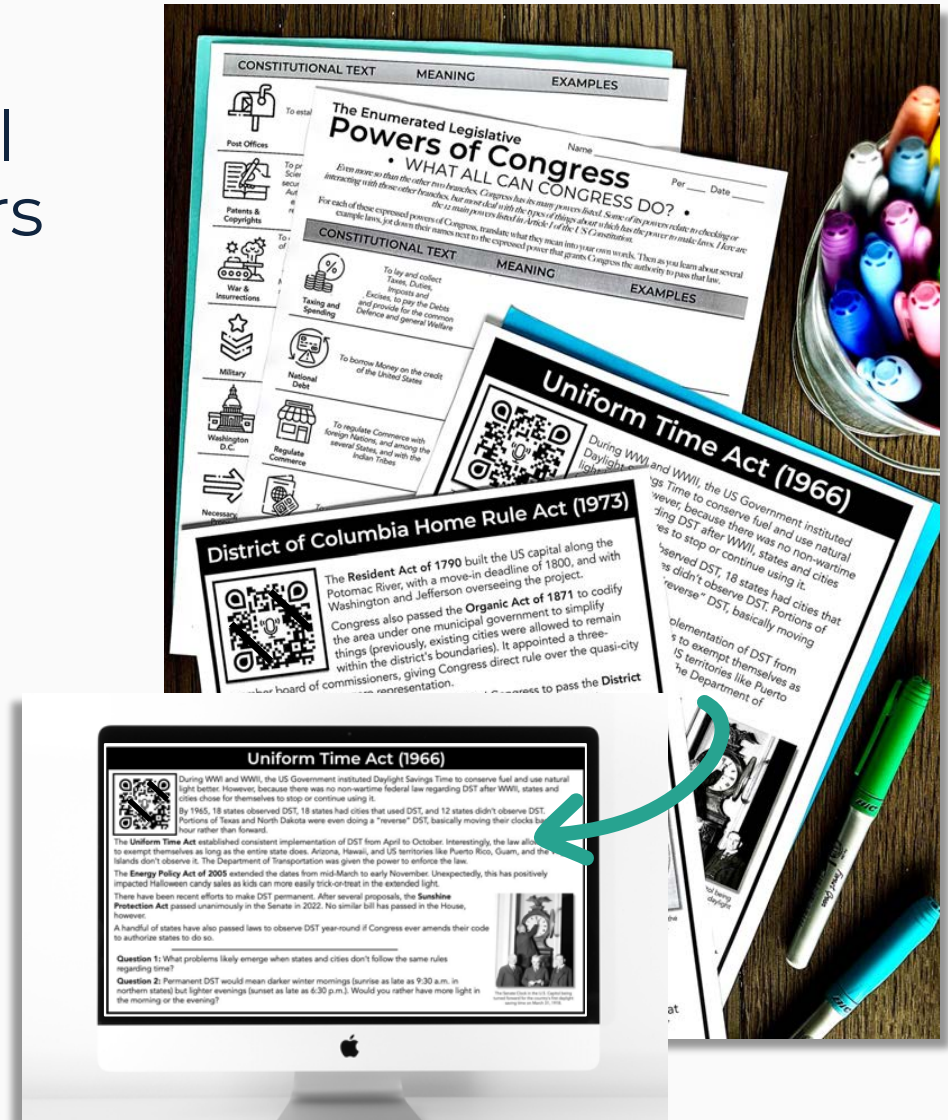
"AS NEEDED"
Anything else considered needed and appropriate

II. LANDMARK LEGISLATION

stations

INCLUDES

- ✓ **11 stations** summarizing Congressional actions, exercising its expressed powers & real-life checks & balances
- ✓ **Selected laws especially curated** to broaden civic awareness and illustrate examples of real-life legislative processes
- ✓ **QR code to audio reading** of each passage, plus relevant images
- ✓ **Discussion questions** to extend learning



III. REAL-LIFE CONGRESS

quiz game

INCLUDES

- ✓ **20 examples** of real-life situations that shape the legislative process
- ✓ **Slide deck** for whole-class quiz game, recalling info from stations activity
- ✓ **Worksheet graphic organizer** for a scavenger hunt-style format
- ✓ **Task cards** for small group quizzing or a team race-style format

**DIRECTIONS INCLUDED
FOR EACH OPTION**



FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

Will this work for middle school?

This is designed for and written at a **high school level**. If your students are advanced and you are willing to edit, it may work, but I can't guarantee anything. I use these materials with my mixed-ability on-level 12th grade Civics class.

Can I use this in a homeschooling setting?

Definitely! Detailed teacher notes and concise-yet-thorough **lecture slides** with detailed notes with each slide help **you** understand this topic and the activities before teaching it. And the **self-guided reading passages** and **detailed note forms** move your student(s) through without sacrificing rigor.

Is this editable?

Yes! All student materials come with a digital Google file version that is editable for the exclusive purpose for you to customize it to meet your students needs and make accommodations.

Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

The preview and product description are **extremely detailed**—be sure to take a close look. Also know that all student materials comes with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to **leave a Q&A!**

What standards does this address?

Several! This kit supports standards from various states, including:

Analyze the structures, functions, and processes of the legislative branch -- Describe the procedure for enacting laws -- Identify and describe the enumerated powers delegated to Congress -- Analyze the role of Congress in terms of its relationship with judicial and executive branches