



Social Studies Virtual Learning

Legislative Branch

4th Grade

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4th Grade Social Studies Lesson: Legislative Branch

Learning Targets:

- I can identify and explain the function of the three branches of the federal government.
- I can create products such as maps, graphs, timelines, and flowcharts to communicate information and understanding.

Background: This lesson reviews content from 2nd and 3rd grade identifying and explaining the Legislative Branch of our federal government.



Let's Get Started:

[Anchor Lesson](#)

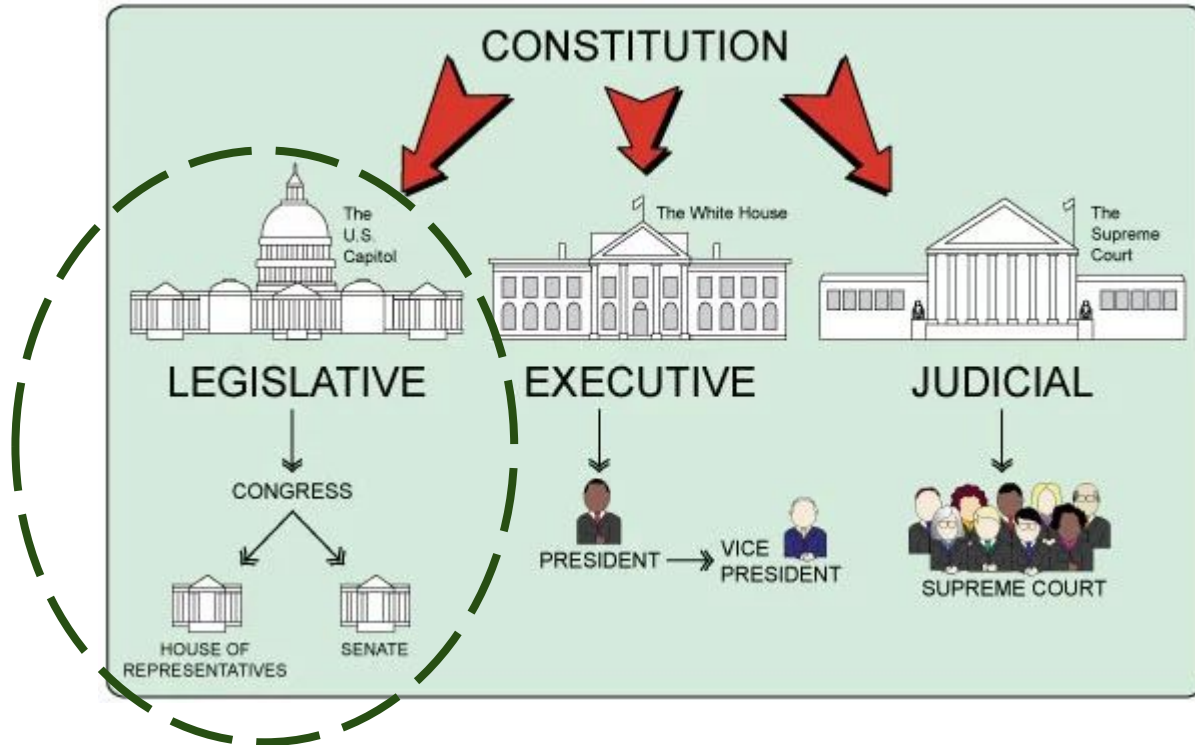
[Ducksters: The Legislative Branch](#)

Read or listen (go to end of article and push play to have it read to you)

Check your understanding by taking Quiz. How did you do?

Three Branches of United States Government

Today's Focus: Legislative Branch



The History Channel: What Is the Legislative Branch of the U.S. Government?

Watch video then use information you learn to complete charts below.

House of Representatives



Total Number of Members:

Length of Term:

How states are represented fairly:

Senate



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How states are represented fairly:



Members of both branches are elected by the citizens of state they represent and are responsible for making laws for the United States.



CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON NEXT SLIDE

The History Channel: What Is the Legislative Branch of the U.S. Government?

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ANSWERS

Senate



Total Number of Members: 435

Length of Term: 2 years

How states are represented fairly:
By population (number of people living in state) greater population = more representatives.

Total Number of Members: 100

Length of Term: 6 years

How states are represented fairly:
Two from each state ($50 \times 2 = 100$)



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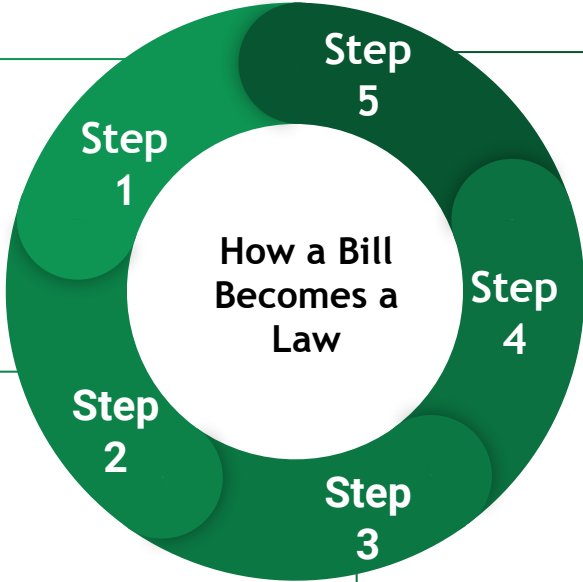


Watch Video:

[School House Rock: I'm Just a Bill](#)
and complete the chart on the next
slide.



Use this flowchart to explain how a bill to becomes a law.



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Then it is brought to

Watch
"I'm Just a Bill"
again if needed.

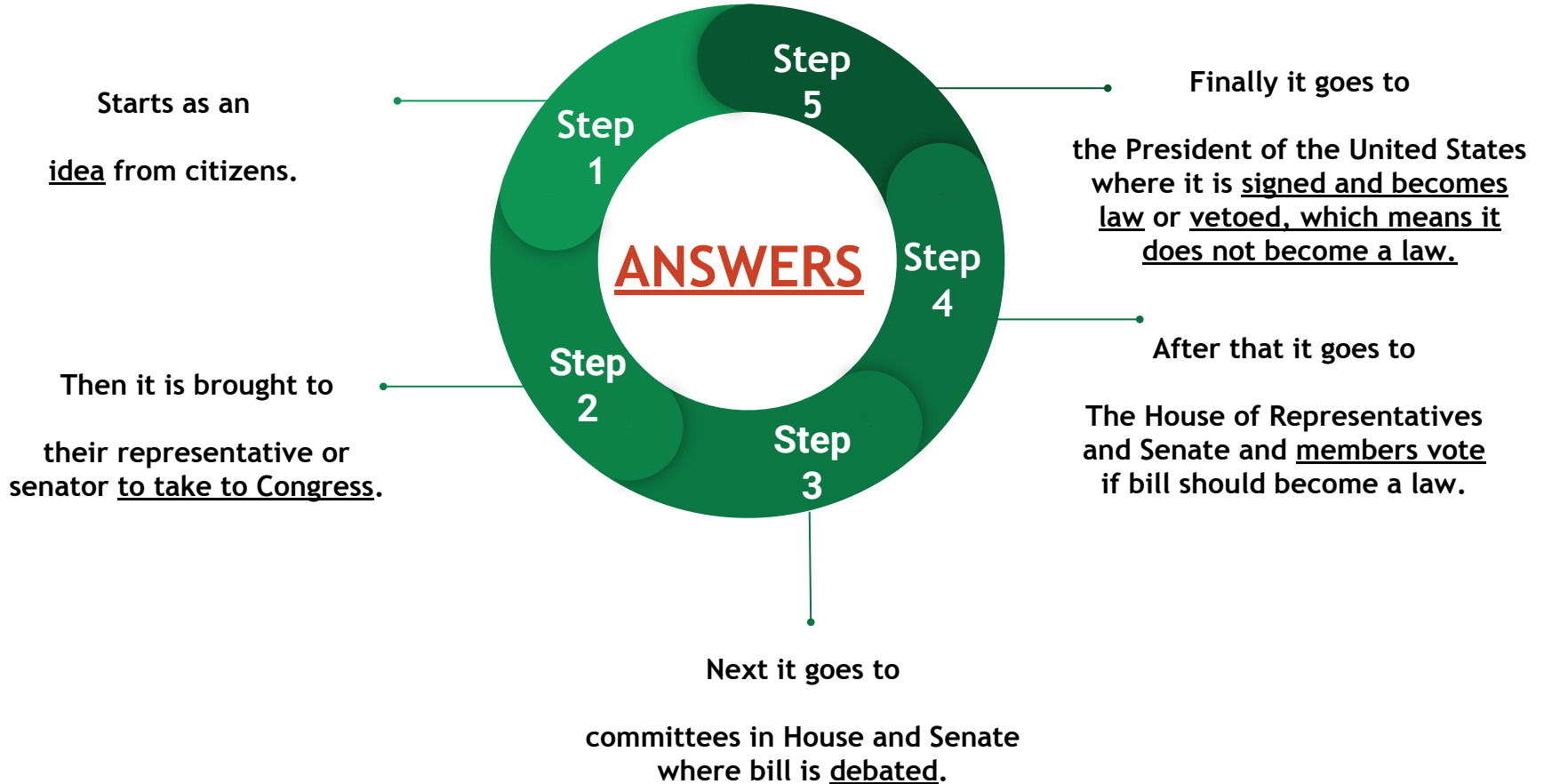
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How a Bill Becomes a Law



Practice #1:

What are the two parts that make up the Legislative Branch?

- a) The House of Representatives and the Senate
- b) The Supreme Court and the Senate
- c) The Congress and the Cabinet



Answer #1:

What are the two parts that of the Legislative Branch?

- a) The House of Representatives and the Senate
- b) The Supreme Court and the Senate
- c) The Congress and the Cabinet



Practice #2:

What is the primary job of the Legislative Branch?

- a) To command the armed forces and fight wars
- b) To determine if laws are constitutional
- c) To write up and vote on laws



Answer #2:

What is the primary job of the legislative branch?

- a) To command the armed forces and fight wars
- b) To determine if laws are constitutional
- c) To write up and vote on laws



Practice #3:

What is total number of U.S. Senators and Representatives?

- a) 200 in each
- b) 100 Senators and 435 Representatives
- c) 435 Senators and 100 Representatives



Answer #3:

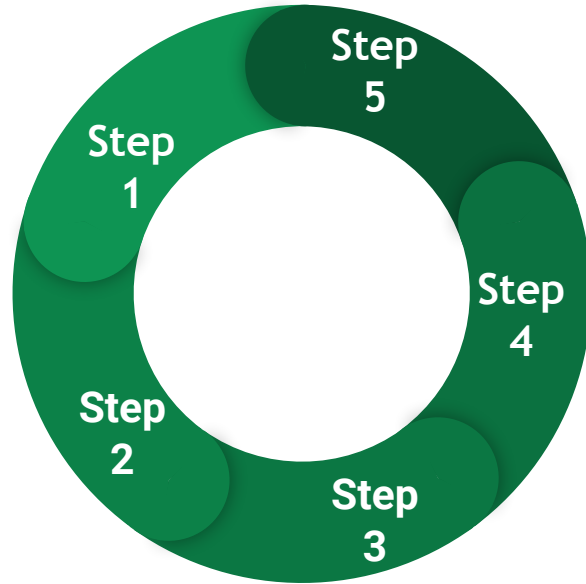
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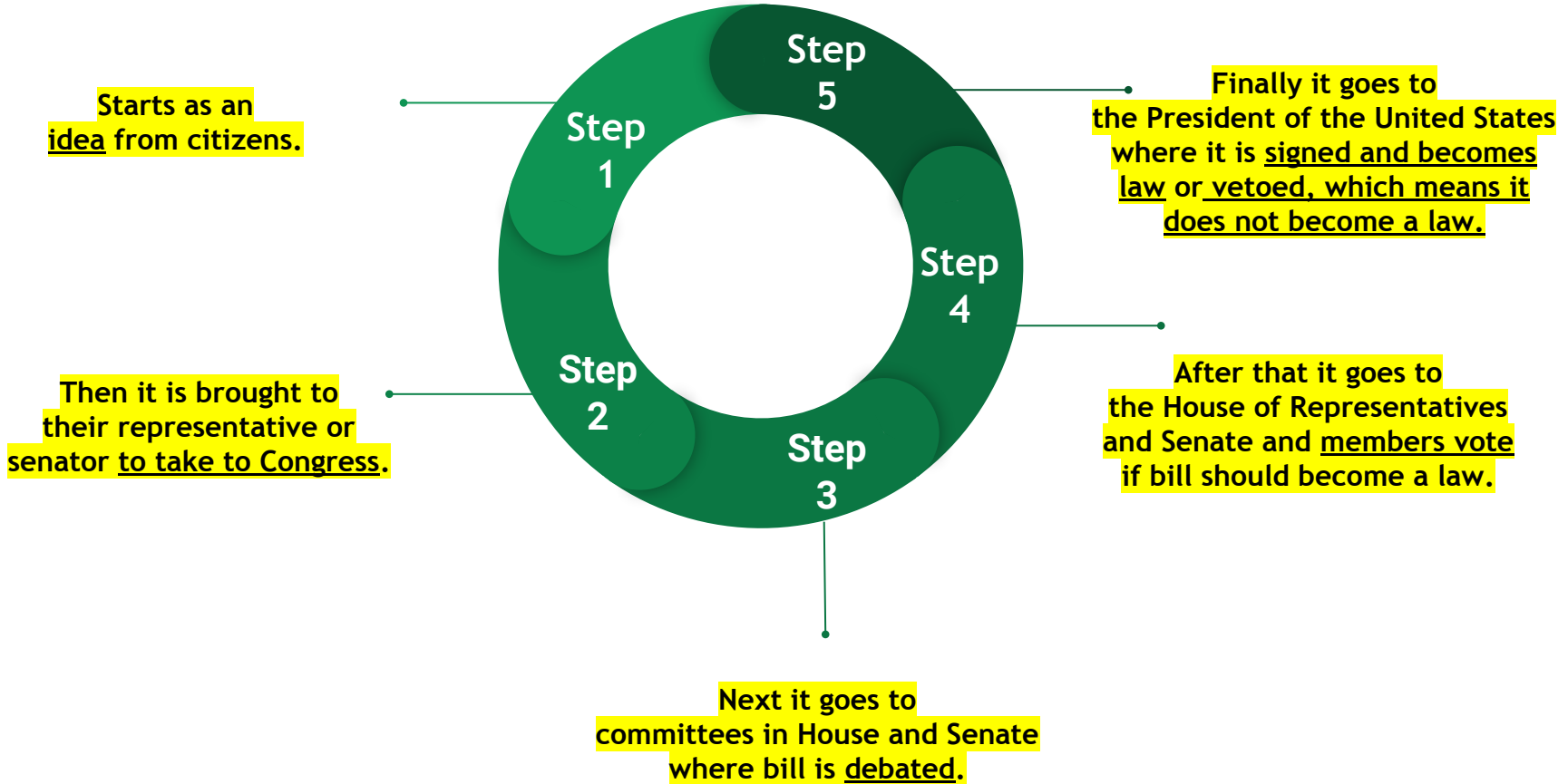


Bonus Practice #4

Explain to another person how a bill becomes a law.



Bonus Answer #4: How a Bill Becomes a Law



Practice on your own:

Go to this website:

[Branches of Government Game](#)
















1. Select the yellow arrow that says “learn more”.



2. Then choose “PLAY”.



3. Read the tasks and drag it to the correct branch.

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT • VICE PRESIDENT • CABINET	LEGISLATIVE SENATE • HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	JUDICIAL SUPREME COURT • COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT COURTS
<p>"Power of the purse" </p> <p> Crafts bills</p> <p>Interprets laws </p> <p> Enforces laws</p>	<p> Decides if laws are constitutional</p> <p>Vetoes bills </p> <p> Directs military</p> <p>Decides court cases </p>	<p> Can impeach President</p> <p>Makes foreign policy </p> <p> Approves bills</p> <p>Declares war </p> <p> Settles cases between 2 or more states</p> <p>Overtums vetoes to pass bills </p> <p> Approves & rejects Pres' appointments</p>

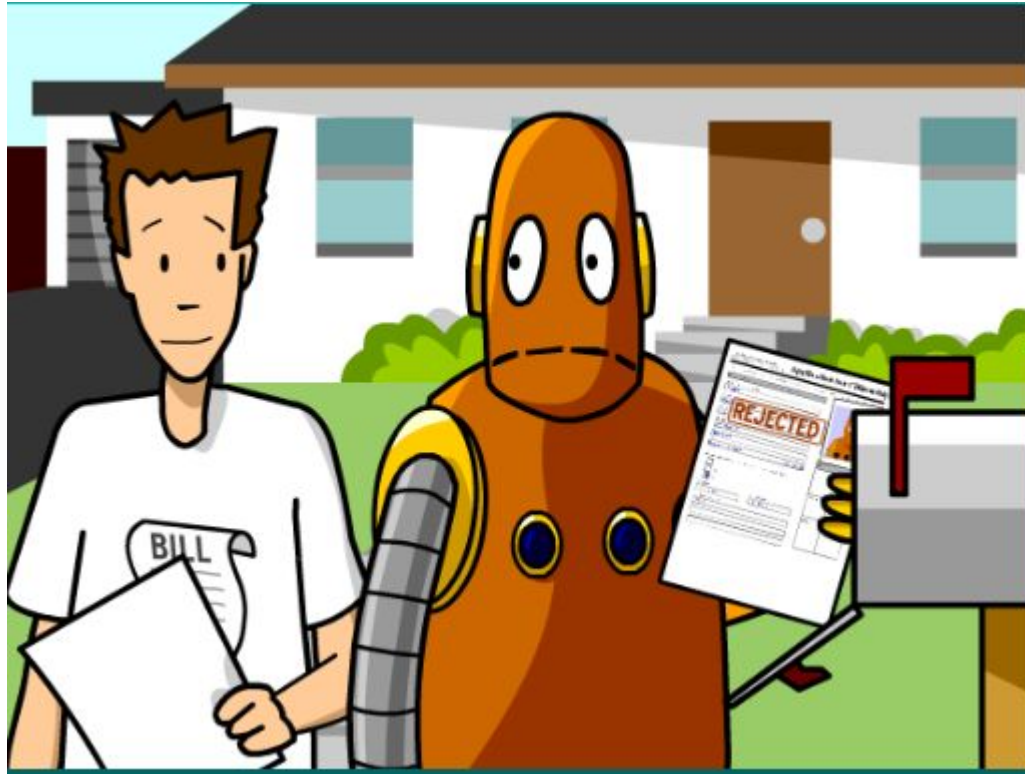
MORE Practice on your own:

Click: [Lawcraft](#)

1. Click “PLAY GAME” button
2. Listen to instructions to learn how to play game.
3. Role play being a state representative
4. Have fun!



EVEN MORE Practice:
Watch [How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)



Self Check:

Tell someone about the Legislative Branch of the United States government.



How would you rate this lesson?

- easy,
- just right
- hard