Chapter Planner and Suggested Pacing Guide

**UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN®**

**Enduring Understanding**

- Congress makes the law and serves as a check on the other branches by, among other things, confirming presidential nominees, overseeing the executive branch, approving treaties, and using the impeachment power.

**Essential Questions**

- How have the powers of Congress changed over time?
- How does the separation of powers influence the work of Congress?

**Students will know:**

- the expressed powers and implied powers of Congress.
- how revenue bills originate.
- the legislative powers of Congress, including taxing, spending, and regulating interstate commerce.
- the difference between appropriations bills and authorization bills.
- the nonlegislative powers of Congress, including impeachment, confirmation of presidential appointments, ratification of treaties, and proposing constitutional amendments.
- that Congress has the power to investigate government agencies and oversee the work of the executive branch.
- the procedures of congressional investigations and the rights of congressional witnesses.
- how congressional investigations can lead to reforms in government programs.
- the procedures Congress uses to exercise its oversight of the executive branch.
- why the separation of powers is the main source of conflict between Congress and the president.
- the sources of conflict between Congress and the president.
- power of the presidential veto allows the president to play a major role in legislation.
- how divided government may exacerbate tensions between Congress and the White House.
- that Congress has given extra powers to the president in times of crisis.
- how Congress and the president create the national budget.
- the history of the legislative veto and the line-item veto.

**Students will be able to:**

- contrast the expressed powers and implied powers of Congress.
- explain the importance of the power of the purse.
- describe the nonlegislative powers of Congress.
- analyze the importance of Congress’s power to investigate.
- identify how Congress exercises its power to investigate.
- describe the ways Congress limits the power of the executive.
- identify sources of conflict between Congress and the president.
- explain the importance of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act.
- analyze how the balance of power between Congress and the president have shifted over time.

**Predictable Misunderstandings**

**Students may think:**

- that either house of Congress may introduce a bill for raising revenue. Encourage students to learn about the process by which bills may be introduced in Congress, and what restrictions exist concerning the types of bills that may be introduced in each manner.
- that the president has the power to approve treaties with foreign nations. Many students may believe that this power belongs to the executive branch, since it is generally the president who meets with foreign leaders. This is also not a power of the legislative branch that most students would recall seeing exercised.
- that the legislative branch checks the executive branch only through the power to override a president’s veto with a two-thirds vote in both houses. In fact, Congress also enjoys the power of oversight, which allows it to assess the performance of the executive branch as it carries out laws created by the legislature.
- that the president may veto one part of a bill while signing the rest into law. Encourage students to research the history of the line-item veto and determine whether this power exists at the federal, state, and local levels.

**Assessment Evidence**

**Performance Tasks:**

- Hands-On Chapter Project
Other Evidence:
- Guided Reading Activities
- Vocabulary Activity
- Lesson Quizzes
- Chapter Tests, Forms A and B

**SUGGESTED PACING**

½ day — Introducing the Chapter
1 day — Lesson 1
1 day — Lesson 2
½ day — Lesson 3
½ day — Chapter Wrap-Up and Assessment

**DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION**

The activities presented are suitable for all levels. Modifications for student ability levels are available for many of the activities. The types of modifications available are indicated by the icons below:

**AL** Approaching Level
**BL** Beyond Level
**ELL** English Language Learner

All students benefit from activities that utilize different learning styles. Activities are designated with the labels below to help you differentiate teaching by the types of learners.

- Intrapersonal
- Logical/Mathematical
- Visual/Spatial
- Verbal/Linguistic
- Interpersonal
- Auditory/Musical
- Kinesthetic
- Naturalist
Getting Started

Expand the sections below to see all the resources for *Congressional Powers* as well as additional resources from the Resource Library.
Chapter Level Resources

The following resources are available to help you teach this chapter.

**Introducing the Chapter**
- Congressional Powers Chapter Opener Image
- Analyzing Primary Sources | The Power to Investigate: Hurricane Katrina

**Worksheets, Activities, and Projects**
All Worksheets and Activities can be customized or given as online assignments using McGraw-Hill Editable Worksheets.
- Assessing Background Knowledge | Congressional Powers
- Hands-On Chapter Project | Mock Congressional Investigation
- Digital Hands-On Chapter Project | Mock Congressional Investigation
- Supreme Court Case | United States v. Lopez (1995)
- Debate | Should Congress stop regulating the Post Office?
- Vocabulary Activity | Congressional Powers
- Historical Documents and Speeches | Barbara Jordan on Impeaching President Nixon, 1974
- Foldables | Congressional Powers

**Review and Assess**

**Review**
- Guided Notes | Have students use the My Notes feature in the Student Center to create comprehensive study notes.
- Chapter Summary | Congressional Powers
- Reading Essentials and Study Guide | Congressional Powers
- Study Guide | Congressional Powers
- Chapter Assessment | Assign the Chapter Assessment in the Student Edition using the Chapter Assessment resources.

**Assessments**
- Chapter Tests can be customized or given as online assessments using McGraw-Hill eAssessment.
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Chapter Tests
- Chapter Tests and Lesson Quizzes | Chapter Test Forms A and B

**Differentiate and Remediate**
- Approaching Grade Level Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative
- English Language Learner Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative with ELL support
- Reteaching Activity | Congressional Powers
- Enrichment Activity | Congressional Confirmation of Federal Court Nominees
- Student Audio | A full read of the online Student Edition lessons
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Spanish Chapter Tests Forms A and B

**Suggested Reading**
The following books may be assigned to enrich the topics covered in this chapter. Find these resources in your local library.
- The Ken Burns’ America: The Congress (2004), PBS (90 min.)
- Guilty by Suspicion, Warner Bros. (145 min.)

**Suggested Videos**
The following videos may be assigned to enrich the topics covered in this chapter. All suggested material should be previewed for objectionable content prior to presentation in the classroom or assigned to students. Find these resources in your local library.
- Congressional Investigations and Oversight: Case Studies and Analysis, by Lance Cole and Stanley M. Brand

**Resources**
- Congressional Powers chapter opener image
- Analyzing Primary Sources: The Power to Investigate: Hurricane Katrina
- Congressional Powers Assessing Background Knowledge Activity
- Mock Congressional Investigation Hands-On Chapter Project with Technology Extension
- Supreme Court Case: United States v. Lopez
Lesson 1

The following resources are available to help you teach and assess this lesson.

Videos and Presentation Resources
- Interactive Bellringer | Powers of Congress
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity | Constitutional Powers
- Video | Impeachment
- Interactive Whiteboard Activity | Powers of Congress
- Lecture Slide | Constitutional Provisions
- Lecture Slide | Legislative Powers
- Lecture Slide | Nonlegislative Powers
- Lesson Presentation | Constitutional Powers Lecture Slides
- Interactive Graphic Organizer | Constitutional Powers
- Infographic | The Powers of Congress
- Political Cartoon | Power of the Purse
- Government in Your Community | Federal Funding for State and Local Government
- Interactive Image | The Debt Clock
- Interactive Slideshow | Military Actions Without a Declaration of War
- Interactive Image | Copyrights and Patents
- Interactive Image | President Clinton’s Impeachment

Worksheets and Activities
Workheets can be customized or given as online assignments using McGraw-Hill Editable Worksheets.
- Guided Reading Activity | Constitutional Powers
- Video Worksheet | Impeachment
- Column Game | Constitutional Powers

Review and Assess
Lesson Quizzes can be customized or given as online assessments using McGraw-Hill eAssessment.
- Guided Notes | Have students use the My Notes feature in the Student Center to create comprehensive study notes.
- Lesson Review | Assign the Lesson Review questions.
- Self-Check Quiz | Constitutional Powers
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Lesson 1 Quiz

Differentiate and Remediate
- Guided Reading Activity | Constitutional Powers
- Reading Essentials and Study Guide | Constitutional Powers
- Student Audio | A full read of Student Edition lessons
- Approaching Grade Level Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative
- English Language Learner Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative with ELL support
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Spanish Lesson 1 Quiz

Resources
- Powers of Congress Bellringer
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity: Constitutional Powers
- Impeachment
- Powers of Congress Interactive Whiteboard Activity
- Constitutional Provisions Lecture Slide
- Legislative Powers Lecture Slide
- Nonlegislative Powers Lecture Slide
- Constitutional Powers Lesson Presentation
- Constitutional Powers Graphic Organizer
- The Powers of Congress
- Power of the Purse
- Federal Funding for State and Local Government
- The Debt Clock
- Military Actions Without a Declaration of War
- Copyrights and Patents
Lesson 2

The following resources are available to help you teach and assess this lesson.

**Videos and Presentation Resources**
- Interactive Bellringer | Major Congressional Investigations
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity | Investigations and Oversight
- Video | Goldman Sachs Investigation
- Interactive Whiteboard Activity | Congressional Investigations and Government Reforms
- Lecture Slide | The Power to Investigate
- Lecture Slide | The Power of Oversight
- Lesson Presentation | Investigations and Oversight Lecture Slides
- Interactive Graphic Organizer | Investigations and Oversight
- Interactive Image | Titanic Investigation
- Participating in Your Government | Differentiating Between Fact and Opinion
- Landmark Laws | Legislative Reorganization Acts

**Worksheets and Activities**
Worksheets can be customized or given as online assignments using McGraw-Hill Editable Worksheets.
- Guided Reading Activity | Investigations and Oversight
- Video Worksheet | Goldman Sachs Investigation
- Identification Game | Investigations and Oversight

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- Lesson Review | Assign the Lesson Review questions.
- Self-Check Quiz | Investigations and Oversight
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Lesson 2 Quiz

**Differentiate and Remediate**
- Guided Reading Activity | Investigations and Oversight
- Reading Essentials and Study Guide | Investigations and Oversight
- Student Audio | A full read of Student Edition lessons
- Approaching Grade Level Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative
- English Language Learner Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative with ELL support
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Spanish Lesson 2 Quiz

**Resources**
- Major Congressional Investigations Bellringer
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity: Investigations and Oversight
- Goldman Sachs Investigation
- Congressional Investigations and Government Reforms Interactive Whiteboard Activity
- The Power to Investigate Lecture Slide
- The Power of Oversight Lecture Slide
- Investigations and Oversight Lesson Presentation
- Investigations and Oversight Graphic Organizer
- Titanic Investigation
- Differentiating Between Fact and Opinion
- Legislative Reorganization Acts
- Lesson 2: Investigations and Oversight Guided Reading Activity
- Goldman Sachs Investigation Video Worksheet
- Investigations and Oversight Identification Game
- Investigations and Oversight Self-Check Quiz
- Investigations and Oversight Lesson Quiz
- Congressional Powers, Lesson 2 Reading Essentials and Study Guide
- McGraw-Hill Networks Editable Worksheets
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment
Lesson 3

The following resources are available to help you teach and assess this lesson.

Videos and Presentation Resources
- Interactive Bellringer | Disposition of Public Bills Passed by Congress
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity | Congress and the President
- Video | Government Shutdown
- Interactive Whiteboard Activity | Sources of Conflict Between the President and Congress
- Lecture Slide | Sources of Tension
- Lecture Slide | The Balance of Power
- Lesson Presentation | Congress and the President Lecture Slides
- Interactive Graphic Organizer | Congress and the President
- Interactive Graph | Bills Enacted by Congress and Presidential Vetoes
- Interactive Chart | Senate Confirmation of Judges
- Interactive Image | President Lyndon B. Johnson
- Participating in Your Government | Collaborating

Worksheets and Activities
- Worksheets can be customized or given as online assignments using McGraw-Hill Editable Worksheets.
- Guided Reading Activity | Congress and the President
- Video Worksheet | Government Shutdown
- True or False Game | Congress and the President

Review and Assess
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- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Lesson 3 Quiz

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- Reading Essentials and Study Guide | Congress and the President
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- English Language Learner Reader | Alternative Student Edition narrative with ELL support
- McGraw-Hill eAssessment | Spanish Lesson 3 Quiz

Resources
- Disposition of Public Bills Passed by Congress Bellringer
- Exploring the Essential Question Activity: Congress and the President
- Government Shutdown
- Sources of Conflict Between the President and Congress Interactive Whiteboard Activity
- Sources of Tension Lecture Slide
- The Balance of Power Lecture Slide
- Congress and the President Lesson Presentation
- Congress and the President Graphic Organizer
- Bills Enacted by Congress and Presidential Vetoes
- Senate Confirmation of Judges
- President Lyndon B. Johnson
- Collaborating
- Lesson 3: Congress and the President Guided Reading Activity
- Government Shutdown Video Worksheet
- Congress and the President True or False Game
- Congress and the President Self-Check Quiz
- Congress and the President Lesson Quiz
- Congressional Powers, Lesson 3 Reading Essentials and Study Guide
- McGraw-Hill Networks Editable Worksheets
Answer Keys

Answer keys are included here for all Chapter- and Lesson-level worksheets and activities.

Resources
Answer Key for Lesson 1: Constitutional Powers Guided Reading Activity
Answer Key for Impeachment Video Worksheet
Answer Key for Lesson 2: Investigations and Oversight Guided Reading Activity
Answer Key for Goldman Sachs Investigation Video Worksheet
Answer Key for Lesson 3: Congress and the President Guided Reading Activity
Answer Key for Government Shutdown Video Worksheet
Answer Key for Congressional Confirmation of Federal Court Nominees Enrichment Activity
Answer Key for Barbara Jordan on Impeaching President Nixon, 1974
Answer Key for Congressional Powers Reteaching Activity
Answer Key for Congressional Powers Vocabulary Activity
Explore the Resource Library

The Networks Resource Library is home to hundreds of resources for you and your students. Browse and search the Resource Library by selecting Resources in the toolbar at the top of the screen.

For You

- Professional Development
  - Understanding By Design
  - How to Use Networks Videos
  - Using Technology in the Classroom Videos
  - Dinah Zike Videos on Using Foldables

- Helpful Links - Teacher

For You and Your Students

- Videos
- Supreme Court Cases
- Charts/Graphs/Maps
- Primary Sources
- Social Studies Skills
  - Critical Thinking
  - Building Projects and Presentations
  - Researching and Writing
  - Financial Literacy

- State Resources
- Interactive Nations of the World Atlas
- Reference Atlas Maps
- Graphic Organizers
- Helpful Links - Student
- btw: Current events updates