

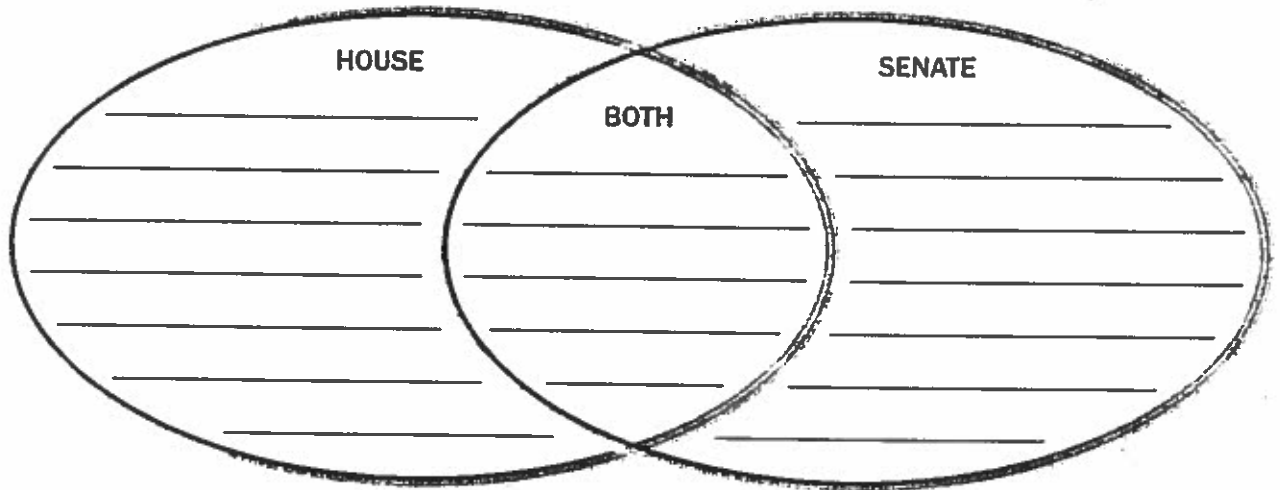
Reteaching Activity



The Organization of Congress

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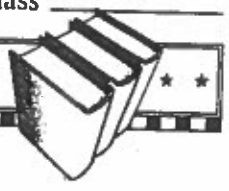
The numbered items describe characteristics of the House of Representatives, the Senate, or both. Write the number of each item in the correct section of the diagram.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 435 members who each serve a two-year term 2. simpler rules, less formal atmosphere 3. Benefits include an office, free postage for official correspondence, an allowance for a staff, an income tax deduction, and a pension. 4. Majority party selects leaders and committee chairs. 5. 100 members who each serve a six-year term 6. Leaders are not especially powerful. 7. short debates, rarely lasting more than one day 8. two calendars for bills 9. four types of committees 10. more complex rules, more formal atmosphere 11. Speaker presides over sessions, votes, and debates. 12. Majority leaders control flow of bills. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Key committees are Foreign Relations, Finance, and Appropriations. 14. Whips assist leaders and make sure certain legislators are present for key votes. 15. five calendars for bills 16. long debates, often lasting weeks or months 17. Vice president presides over sessions, cannot debate, and only votes to break ties. 18. Any member can introduce a bill. 19. use of filibustering to defeat a bill 20. Committees select bills for consideration, hold public hearings and investigations. 21. Leaders are very powerful. 22. Key committees are Rules, Ways and Means, and Appropriations. 23. Powerful Rules Committee directs flow of bills. |
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Guided Reading Activity 5-4



Congressional Committees

★DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to complete this chart illustrating the purposes and responsibilities of committees in the House and Senate.

COMMITTEES IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE	
Types of Committees	General Responsibility of Each Type of Committee

★DIRECTIONS Use information from your textbook to answer these questions.

1. What are the purposes of committees in the House and the Senate? _____

2. How did the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 improve committee work in the House and Senate?

3. Explain how the seniority system works. _____

4. In what ways has the seniority system changed since 1971? _____

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