

CHAPTER 5

Guided Reading Strategies 5.1

The Legislative Branch

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. How many representatives are in the U.S. House of Representatives? _____
2. How many senators are in the U.S. Senate? _____
3. How are seats apportioned in the House of Representatives? How often does this process occur? _____

4. Explain how gerrymandering affects congressional district boundaries. _____

5. List the three qualifications for holding the office of U.S. representative. _____

6. List the three qualifications for holding the office of U.S. senator. _____

7. How many years does a U.S. representative serve in one term? _____
8. How many years does a U.S. senator serve in one term? _____
9. What percentage of senators are up for re-election at one time? _____

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, fill in the missing information in the space provided.

1. Give two examples of the codes of conduct Congress has passed for its members.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
2. What is the difference between censure and the expulsion of a member of Congress?

6. an accused person has a right to a prompt, public trial, to be informed of charges, to hear and question witnesses, and to have a lawyer
7. provides for a trial by jury in some cases involving money or property
8. requires reasonable bail and forbids “cruel and unusual” punishment
9. The people have other basic rights not listed in the Constitution.
10. All powers not expressly given to the federal government nor forbidden to the states by the Constitution are reserved for the states or the people.

Post-Reading Quick Check

Students should mention any three of the following limits or exceptions:

1. People may not use freedom of speech to cause panic.
2. People may not write falsehoods that damage a person’s reputation (libel).
3. Assemblies must be peaceful.
4. A judge may issue a search warrant if there is reason to believe that evidence of a crime may be found.
5. The government may take citizens’ property for the public good and with just compensation.

SECTION 2

Reading the Section

1. civil rights
2. Fourteenth Amendment
3. Thirteenth Amendment
4. Civil War
5. Fifteenth Amendment
6. Seventeenth Amendment
7. suffrage
8. president and vice president
9. poll tax
10. Twenty-sixth Amendment

Post-Reading Quick Check

1. Lucretia Mott
2. Elizabeth Cady Stanton
3. Susan B. Anthony
4. Carrie Chapman Catt

SECTION 3

Reading the Section

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| 1. c | 5. b |
| 2. d | 6. a |
| 3. b | 7. a |
| 4. a | 8. b |

Post-Reading Quick Check

1. voting
2. being informed
3. taking part in government
4. helping your community
5. respecting and protecting others’ rights

Students’ examples will vary.

Chapter 5

SECTION 1

Reading the Section

1. 435
2. 100
3. Districts are apportioned according to population every 10 years.
4. State legislators draw district boundaries to favor a particular political party, politician, or group of people.
5. at least 25 years old, U.S. citizen for at least seven years, legal resident of the state that is represented
6. at least 30 years old, U.S. citizen for at least nine years, and legal resident of the state that is represented
7. two years
8. six years
9. one-third

Post-Reading Quick Check

1.
 - A. outside income limited
 - B. disclose financial holdings
2. Censure is formal disapproval of a member’s actions. Expulsion is removal of a member from office.

SECTION 2

Reading the Section

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| 1. g | 6. h |
| 2. c | 7. a |
| 3. d | 8. f |
| 4. j | 9. e |
| 5. b | 10. i |