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Guided Notes

Are any of your past learning experiences relevant to the learning objectives?
If so, how?

After watching the video, why do you think the Executive branch and President are usually mentioned first when Article I lists the Executive?

Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch _____ Laws and is usually referred to as _____ branch of government. It is composed of the _____ and the _____. The job of each elected official is to _____ the people.

	<u>House of Representatives</u>	<u>Senate</u>
# of Representatives		
Based on		
House of Congress		
# California has		
Length of Terms		
Term Limits?		
Leadership	_____ of the House Currently is _____ Powers of the position 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	President of the Senate is: _____ currently _____ When unavailable _____ Restricted from: _____ Votes to: _____
Eligibility Requirements	_____ years of age Citizen for at least __ yrs. Must _____ in the State elected. Traditional they _____.	_____ years of age Citizen for at least __ yrs. Must _____ in the State elected.

Why might the South be allocated more representatives in House?

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What do committees do?

_____ Committees are most important. The House has _____ and the Senate has _____. The committee names _____, while the members _____.

Which chamber is more prestigious? Why?

Powers of Congress

Enumerated or _____ Powers are found in the Constitution.

How many are there? _____ for economics
_____ for defense

Total _____

Most Important is _____. Why?

Congressional Power is limited by:

1. _____ Example _____
2. _____ Example _____

Executive Branch

The Executive Branch _____ Laws and is headed by the _____.
The President is considered the _____ of the country and _____ of the armed services.

What other individuals and groups make up the Executive Branch?

Why do you think the President has to take an oath? What were the writers of the Constitution thinking?

The President

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Powers of the President</u>	
Must be at least _____ Years old		
Must be a natural-born _____		
Must have lived in the US for at least _____		

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Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch _____ Laws and is headed by the _____.
The _____ Justice is considered the head of the Supreme Court. The Court
is composed of ____ Justices.

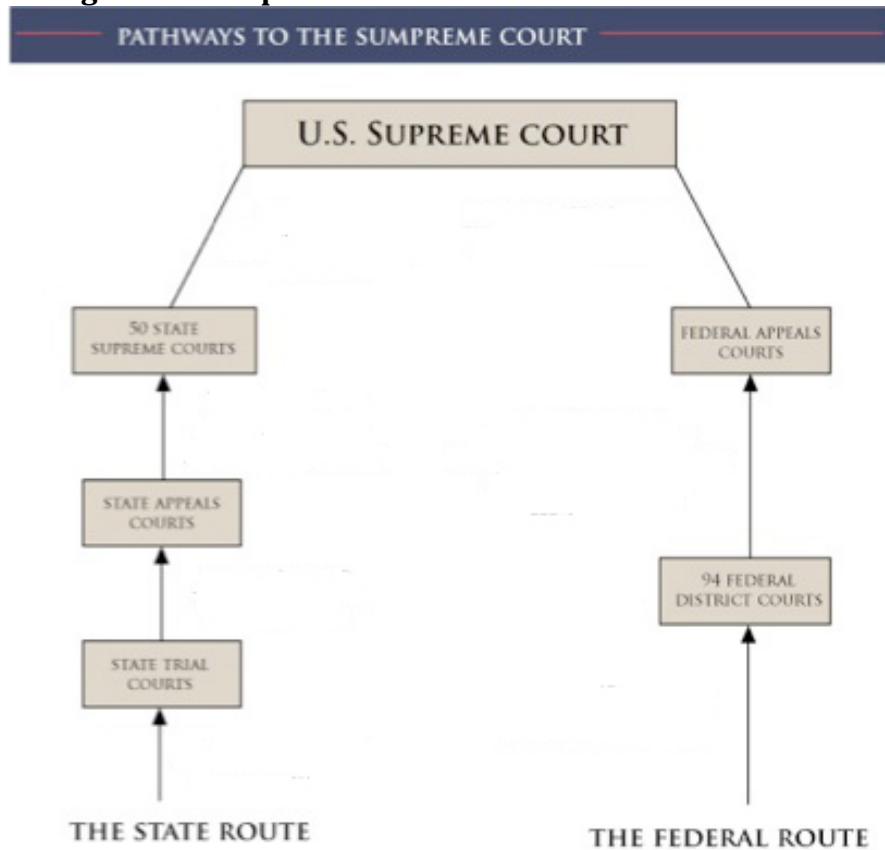
What does the Supreme Court do?

Define Judicial Review

Judges are:

Appointed by		Approved by	
Serve for		Unless	
Qualifications			

How do cases get to the Supreme Court?



What happens after a case gets to the Supreme Court?

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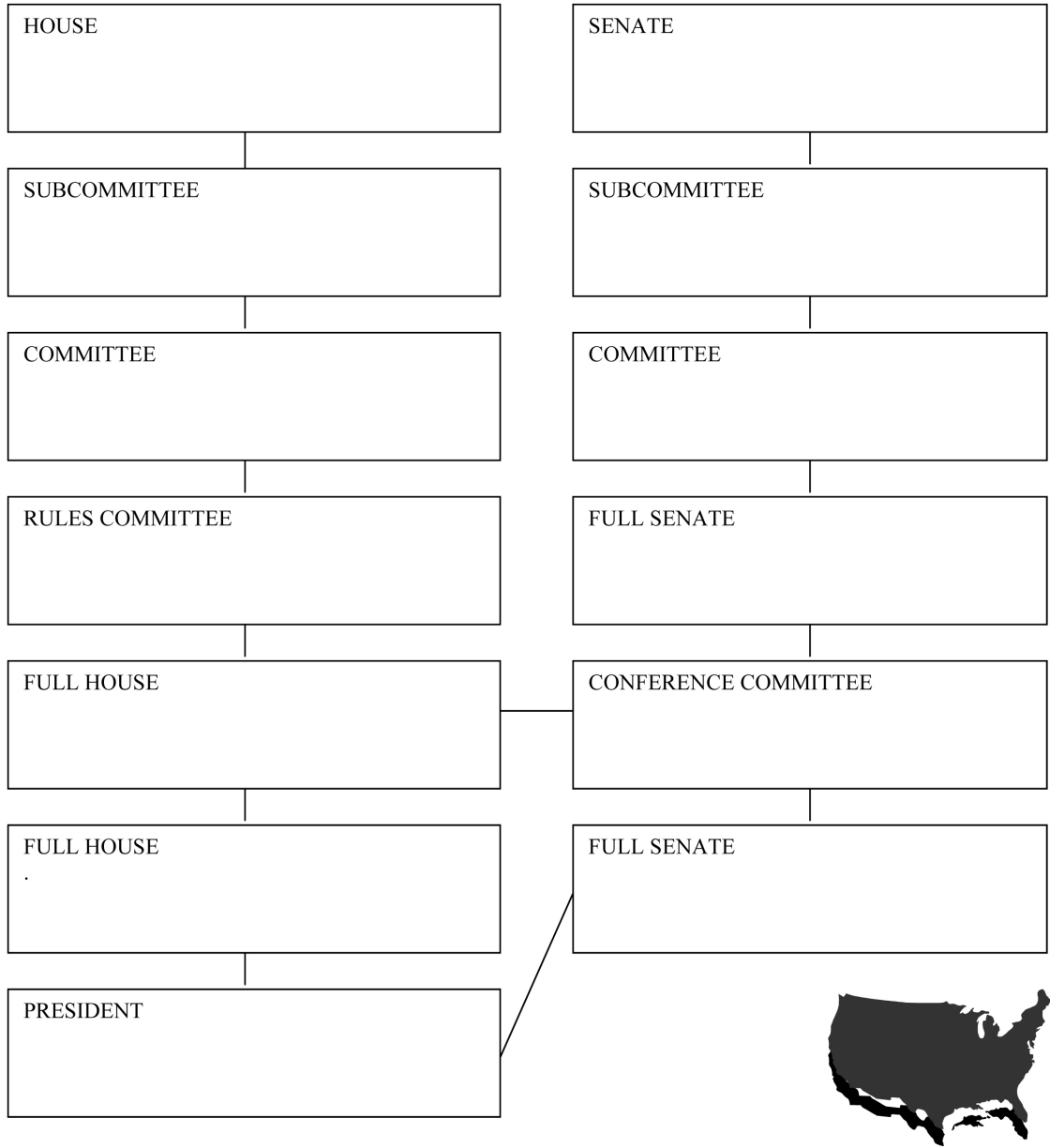
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How a Bill Becomes a Law Flowchart

About 10,000 bills are introduced per year. Each is given a number and assigned to a committee. There are 22 committees in the House of Representatives and 15 committees in the Senate.

BILL IS _____
Who can draft or write a bill?

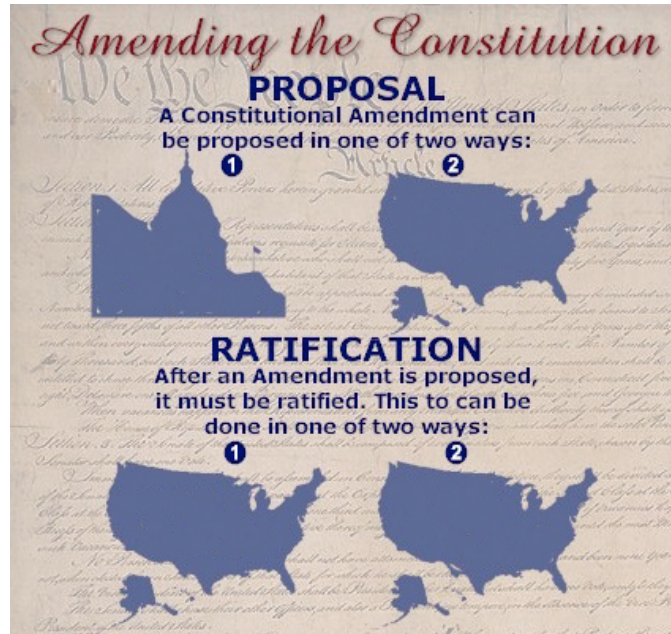


Flow Chart provided by: Kent State University

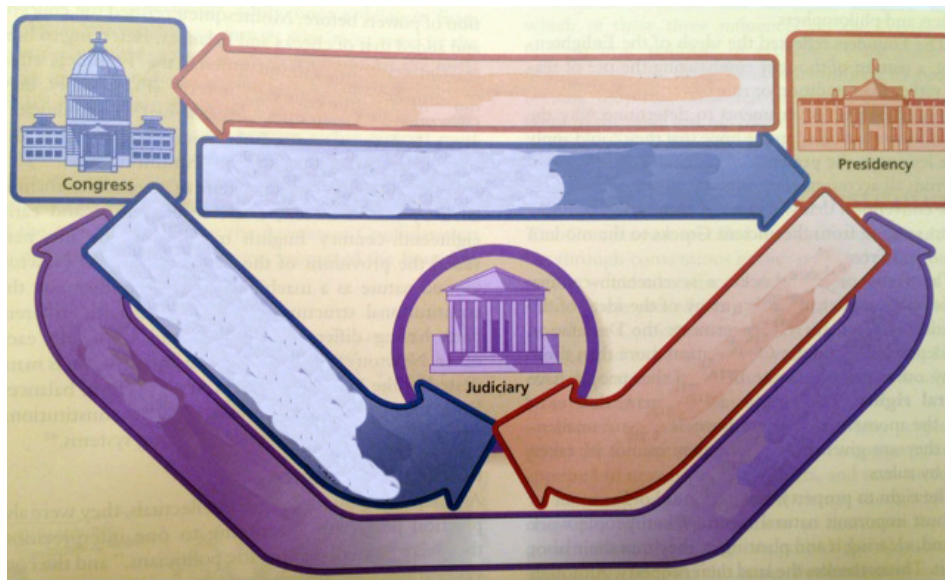
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Checks & Balances



Separation of Powers

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Legislative</u> Congress		<u>Executive</u> Presidency	<u>Judicial</u> Federal Courts
	House	Senate	President	Judges
<u>Officials Chosen by</u>				
<u>For Terms of:</u>				
<u>To Represent Primarily</u>				