

CHAPTER
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SECTION 1

READING COMPREHENSION

The National Legislature

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1. What is the purpose of the legislative branch?

2. Summarize the reasons for a bicameral legislature:

| Reason | Summary |
|-------------|---------|
| Historical | |
| Practical | |
| Theoretical | |

3. "Remember, had the States not been equally represented in the Senate, there might never have been a Constitution." What does the author mean?

4. Label the blank spaces as either a term or a session.

a. _____

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| January 3, 2011 | b. _____ |
| January 3, 2012 | |
| January 3, 2013 | c. _____ |

5. Define a "term" of Congress.

6. Define a "session" of Congress.

7. What powers does the President have to convene or dismiss Congress?

8. Why is it less likely that the President would call a special session today than before World War II?