

Scavenger Hunt: Congress in Action

Overview: You are going to work in groups to find information, pictures, and other visuals about Congress. Once you have found all of the information below, your group will work together to create a poster or collage to display your findings. The purpose of this activity is to help you visualize the two houses of Congress and what they do.

Details:

- You may divide the work of finding the information, pictures, and visuals (note: some "finds" will require more work than others, so divide carefully!)
- Each group member must do an equal share of the work!
- Your "finds" on the final collage or poster should be categorized according to the House of Representatives or the Senate.
- All information and visuals on your poster must be labeled.
- On the back of your poster, you will need to write which group member found each piece of information or visual.

The items your group must find:

1. A map that shows the city in which our Congress is located
2. A picture of the building in which Congress is located
3. The total number of United States Senators
4. The total number of United States Representatives
5. The number of Senators who represent each state
6. The names of our state's United States Senators
7. A picture of one of our United States Senators
8. The number of representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives from our state
9. The name of the U. S. Representative who serves our Congressional District
10. A picture of the United States Representative who serves our Congressional District
11. A picture or map of the state with the most U.S. Representatives
12. A picture or map of one of the states with the fewest U.S. Representatives
13. A political cartoon that relates to Congress
14. A newspaper article that relates to Congress with a 3-5 sentence summary of the article in your own words
15. The length of time a U.S. Senator can stay in office and requirements for becoming a Senator.
16. The length of time a U.S. Representative can stay in office and requirements for becoming a Representative.
17. The current salary of a U.S. Senator and a U.S. Representative
18. Two examples of famous legislation (laws) Congress has passed with explanations in your own words of what this legislation does or did
19. Two examples of famous Congresspeople with explanations in your own words of why they were famous or what they were known for
20. The system for how states are represented in the House of Representatives and the Senate—explain this in your own words!