STUDY GUIDE

CONGRESSIONAL POWERS LESSON 1



CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS LESSON 2

Collect Information

- · subpoena witnesses and documents
- · require testimony under oath
- · punish witnesses who lie or refuse to testify
- · grant immunity to encourage testimony

Possible Outcomes

- new laws
- · reforms
- firings and resignations
- criminal convictions
- damaged reputations

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT LESSON 2

Checks and Balances

Congress oversees implementation of laws by executive branch

Separation of Powers

Congress may not cancel actions of or claim authority over executive agencies

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT



leads in proposing legislation

proposes budget

has emergency powers

legislative veto unconstitutional

BALANCE OF POWER

LESSON 3

placed curbs on emergency powers

line-item veto unconstitutional

can modify, pass, or defeat president's proposals

increased budgetary role and limited impoundment

PRESIDENT CONGRESS