



U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER BINGO

B-1

What are the three branches of the federal government?

I-1

Which branch of government works in the U.S. Capitol?

N-1

What are the names of the two houses of Congress?

G-1

What does it mean when we say that someone has been elected to represent us?

O-1

Members of the House of Representatives are elected for terms of how many years?

B-2

Members of the Senate are elected for terms of how many years?

I-2

What city is the capital of the U.S.? What city is the capital of your state?

N-2

Each state is represented by how many senators?

G-2

What is the number of representatives for each state based upon?

O-2

What is the main job of Congress? Name one additional duty of the Senate or House.

B-3

What is a bill?

I-3

Why do both the Senate and House have to vote to pass a bill before it becomes law?

N-3

FREE SPACE

G-3

What is a "symbol?" Can you name a symbol that might be found in the U.S. Capitol?

O-3

What is meant by a government with "checks and balances?"

B-4

"All men are created equal" is written in what important document?

I-4

What is a constitution?

N-4

Why does the US Constitution begin "We the People?"

G-4

What are the first ten changes (amendments) to the Constitution called?

O-4

Why are there paintings and statues in the U.S. Capitol?

B-5

Name two ways you can tell your senator or representative your opinion.

I-5

Each Congress meets for how many years?

N-5

How has the U.S. changed in size since 1789? How did that affect the size of the Capitol building?

G-5

The statue called "Freedom" is atop the Capitol Dome. Name a freedom we enjoy in our country.

O-5

Name two responsibilities we have as citizens.

U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER BINGO DIRECTIONS



- You can play U.S. Capitol Visitor Bingo **individually or in teams.**
 - **Print the card, questions and answer sheet** found in the attached pdf.
 - Each player or team receives a **Bingo card.**
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- **Cut the question sheet into 24 individual squares.** Note that each question is marked with a letter and number.
 - Put all the questions into a box, bowl or hat. **Designate someone in the group to read all the questions** out loud, one at a time.
 - **Raise your hand if you think you know the answer to a question.** If the answer is correct, a marker (penny or paper clip) is placed on a square in the column with the same letter. (You can choose any Bingo square as long as it has the same letter as the question.)
 - If the **answer is not correct**, another player or team has the chance to answer correctly.
 - If **no one answers correctly**, ask the question again later in the game.
 - The **winner is the person or team with a line of correct answers.** The line can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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EXTENDED ACTIVITY:

Students design their own Bingo cards about the Constitution or Congress.

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B-1

I-1

N-1

G-1

O-1

B-2

I-2

N-2

G-2

O-2

B-3

I-3

FREE
SPACE

G-3

O-3

B-4

I-4

N-4

G-4

O-4

B-5

I-5

N-5

G-5

O-5

U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER BINGO ANSWER KEY



B-1

The three branches of the government are the legislative, executive and judicial.

B-2

Senators are elected for six-year terms.

B-3

A bill is a proposed law that has been introduced in the House or Senate.

B-4

The phrase "all men are created equal" is found in the Declaration of Independence.

B-5

You can communicate your views to your representative or senators by email, letter, phone calls, or visiting his or her local or Washington, D.C. office.

I-1

The Capitol is the building where Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is housed.

I-2

Washington, D.C., also known as the District of Columbia, is the capital of the United States.

I-3

The founders of our country placed many checks and balances on the legislative branch that prevented absolute power in the hands of either the House or the Senate.

I-4

Constitutions explain how laws are made, how leaders are chosen, and what government can or cannot do. A constitution explains the relationship between people and their government.

I-5

Each Congress meets for two years, and each year is considered one session of that Congress.

N-1

The two houses of the legislative branch are the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

N-2

Each state is represented by two senators.

N-3

FREE SPACE

N-4

The power to govern comes from the people and serves the people.

N-5

The U.S. has grown from 13 to 50 states. The U.S. Capitol has been significantly enlarged to make room for the increased number of representatives and senators.

G-1

A representative is someone who speaks on our behalf in Congress regarding national issues.

G-2

Representation in the House of Representatives is based on the population of the state.

G-3

A symbol represents or stands for something. Symbols found in the Capitol include a flag, eagle, star, snake, mace, shield, laurel leaf, olive branch, and scale of justice.

G-4

The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights.

G-5

Freedoms we enjoy include freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition.

O-1

Members of the House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms.

O-2

The primary responsibility of Congress is to make laws. The Senate approves or rejects treaties and presidential nominations and tries the impeachment of federal officials. Bills concerning raising money must originate in the House of Representatives. The House also starts the process of impeachment of federal officials.

O-3

Each branch of the federal government checks the power of the other two so that no branch becomes too powerful. For example, a bill passed by Congress must be signed by the President to become law. The President can veto a bill, but Congress can override a President's veto by a two-thirds vote.

O-4

The art in the Capitol tells the story of America; important events and people are honored in paintings and statuary.

O-5

Citizens should be educated and informed on issues. Citizens should also vote in local and federal elections and serve on juries when asked to do so.