



Environmental Policy

Congressional Committees

Name: _____

Description: In teams you will be looking at a particular congressional committee (one in the House and one in the Senate) to answer the following series of questions below. Write up your answers in an online document that you can share a link to in order to submit your answers. Links for each of the committees are linked on the course website in the Unit II Resources section.

Senate

Agriculture, Nutrition, Forestry
Commerce, Science, Transportation
Energy and Natural Resources
Environment and Public Works

House of Representatives

Agriculture
Energy and Commerce
Natural Resources
Space, Science, and Technology
Transportation and Infrastructure

1. Which Committees did you decide to further investigate?

House: _____

Senate: _____

2. Summarize the types of bills and legislation that this particular committee would typically address.

House Committee:	Senate Committee:
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3. Do some further research on the mission and purpose of this particular committee and work with your partner to come up with a list of experiences (Prior job, trainings, etc..) that you would want individuals to have who are on that particular committee.

House Committee:	Senate Committee:
Explanation:	Explanation:

4. Look up the members who actually make up the committee and get a general idea of what the background is for the individuals who serve on each committee. What are their party affiliations? Where are they primarily coming from (any geographic trends)? What are their career backgrounds before becoming politicians? What are the demographics of the individuals?

House Committee:	Senate Committee:
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5. How closely do your specifications of who you think should be involved with each particular committee match with who is actually on the committee? Explain why there might be any differences.

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

6. Overall would you trust these individuals to make good decisions about the topics which the committee handles? Explain your reasoning