

Congressional Committees: Crash Course Government and Politics #7
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Viewing Guide

1. How many standing committees are there in the House? In the Senate?
2. Define standing committee, select committee, joint committee and conference committee.
3. Name the two reasons for having a Committee system in Congress.
4. What are the responsibilities and duties of a Congressional chairman?
5. Explain how the gatekeeping responsibility works? Who does it give a lot of power to?
6. What is an oversight committee and how does it work?
7. Who was Newt Gingrich? How did he affect Congress? What was the process of appointing chairpersons prior to Gingrich? How did he change the rules?
8. What kinds of things does a Congressional staffer do? Explain why there are 2 kinds of Congressional staffs.
9. Explain the following:
 - a. Congressional Research Office
 - b. Accountability Office
 - c. Budget Office
10. What is the caucus system? What is the purpose? Name three different types of caucuses.