

U.S. Foreign Policy: Congress and the Executive Branch

Overview:

Students will complete a worksheet with scenarios, identifying and explaining the role of Congress and the executive branch in each scenario.

Length:

One class.

Materials:

- [What Roles Do Congress and the Executive Branch Play in U.S. Foreign Policy?](#) (World101)
- Worksheet (attached)

Instructional Plan:

1. Have students read “What Roles Do Congress and the Executive Branch Play in U.S. Foreign Policy?”
2. Have students complete the attached worksheet, alone or in small groups.

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After reading the scenario, identify who has a role in that scenario. If the executive branch has a role, place a check in the Executive box. If Congress has a role, place a check in the Congress box. If both have a role, check both boxes. Then explain what role they play.

Scenario	Executive	Congress	Explain
Increasing the budget for the department of state			
Declaring war against another country			
Launching missiles at a military installation in another country			
Making someone the new secretary of defense			
Negotiating a treaty with a group of other countries			
Levying sanctions against a particular country			
Joining a treaty in order to make it legally binding			
Giving orders to the military			