



# Powers of Congress Worksheet

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For each of the following situations, identify which power of Congress, if any, is involved and explain why.

**Economic Power**  
**Judicial Power**  
**Electoral Power**

**Citizenship**  
**Foreign Relations and War Powers**  
**Other Powers**

1. Because of the conflict in the Persian Gulf, and several attacks by Iran on the U.S. fleet in the Gulf, war is declared on Iran.
2. Because of the oil problems in Texas, the Federal Government has decided to change the requirements on who can file for bankruptcy.
3. Because of several reported cases of bribes being accepted by Mr. I.X. Bribe, a federal judge, charges are brought against the judge.
4. Last Monday in New York City, there were over \$30 million worth of treasury bonds sold to the public.
5. Because of its importance to world peace, the U.S. now has a treaty with Russia that requires both sides to reduce the number and size of their nuclear weapons.
6. Last year as in many other years, a few hundred naturalized citizens lose their citizenship because of federal crimes committed.
7. There is a proposal before the U.S. government to re-start the making of \$20 gold pieces.
8. Just last week, Santa Claus was turned down as the next Supreme Court member.

9. Just recently, the U.S. passed a law requiring all children, of American parents, who are born overseas to pass a citizenship test.
10. Because of a close electoral vote in 1801, Thomas Jefferson was chosen to be President of the U.S. by a means other than Population.
11. When Spiro Agnew resigned as Richard Nixon's Vice President, a new Vice President had to be selected and approved.
12. Because of the amount of Top Secret information that has been given to the Soviets, a new law has been passed that sets a minimum sentenced of twenty years for anyone convicted of espionage.
13. Because of the conflict in the Iraq War, the military draft has been reinstated for men and women between the ages of 18 and 25.
14. Since the Tylenol poisonings, the Federal Government had required all health related products that are shipped between states to have safety seals placed under all lids.
15. Because of the huge deficit in the national budget caused by the war, the government has decided to raise taxes by 5%.
16. Because of the large growth in the West an additional Federal District Court has been established in East Yorba Linda.
17. Vice President Joe Biden was recently removed from office for his involvement in selling information to a foreign country.
18. Because of the stock market "crash" in October of 1987, the Federal Government has decided to reduce the deficit by \$25 billion.
19. In 1974 Gerald Ford became President after Richard Nixon's resignation. In that same year Gerald Ford named Nelson Rockefeller his Vice President. Rockefeller was approved within a short period of time.
20. Just recently a new law was passed that allows illegal aliens who have resided in the U.S. for five continuous years, and who can prove that they have a job, the right to become U.S. citizens.