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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **House of Representatives** (n.) - The United States House of Representatives, often referred to as the House of Representatives, the U.S. House, or simply the House, is the lower chamber of the United States Congress, with the Senate being the upper chamber. Together they comprise the national bicameral legislature of the United States.
2. **Speaker of the House** (n.) - The speaker of the United States House of Representatives, commonly known as the speaker of the House, is the presiding officer of the United States House of Representatives.
3. **Congress** (n.) - a national legislative body, especially that of the US. The US Congress, which meets at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., was established by the Constitution of 1787 and is composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
4. **Committee** (n.) - a legislative sub-organization in the United States Congress that handles a specific duty
5. **Caucus** (n.) - a group of members of the United States Congress that meets to pursue common legislative objectives.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- How does someone become the Speaker of the House?
- What duties and responsibilities are assigned to the Speaker of the House?
- How does the Speaker of the House differ from other powerful positions in the U.S. federal government like President, Supreme Court Justice, and Senate Majority leader? Explain.
- In your opinion, Why has there never been a non-Congressionally elected citizen serve as House Speaker?
- How does the Speaker of the House influence national politics and the functioning of the federal government?
- In your opinion, what are the most important aspects of the Speaker of the House position? Explain.
- In your opinion, is the way the House Speaker is determined fair, democratic, and just? Explain.?