The Legislative Branch

Step 1. Reading
Read Section 9.3 and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main job performed by the legislative branch?
   The legislative branch makes laws.

2. What does bicameral mean?
   Bicameral means "having two lawmaking parts." Congress is divided into two bodies or houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

3. What are proposals for new laws called?
   Proposals for new laws are called bills.

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards
Get a set of Legislative Branch cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.3 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

Answer
1. Members of the House of Representatives serve two-year terms. Art. I, Sec. 2
2. A person must be 25 years old to be elected to the House and 30 years old to be elected to the Senate. Art. I, Sec. 2, 3
3. All bills raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives. Art. I, Sec. 7
4. Senators serve six-year terms. Art. I, Sec. 3
5. Congress has the power to declare war. Art. I, Sec. 8
6. The Senate has 100 members and the House has 435, so Congress has 535 members. Art. I, Sec. 2, 3, and margin note