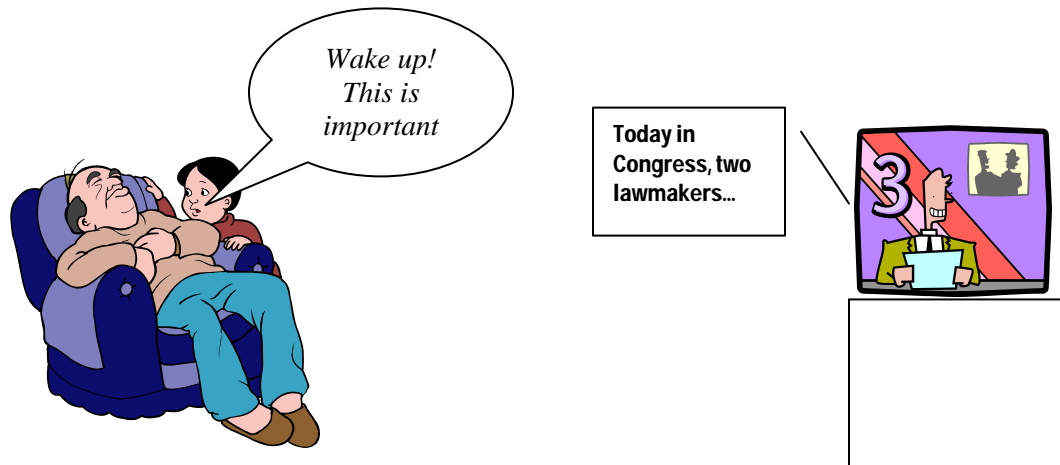


Benchmark: 4a



Brief Constructed Response Prompt: Why might it be important to follow the actions of elected officials? Support your answer with an example.

Possible Response(s): Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

Those who follow the actions of elected officials are in a good position to challenge actions that threaten our rights or liberties. For example, a lawmaker introduces a bill to allow federal law enforcement officials to listen in on our phone calls poses a threat to privacy rights and it is up to citizens to challenge such actions so that our rights might be preserved.

Students might also focus on related benefits such as:

- Being in a position to use their votes and voices wisely in support or opposition to candidates for office.
- Being in a position to lobby lawmakers to reconsider their positions on issues.

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid answer with accurate and relevant support.

1 = This response gives a valid answer with inaccurate, irrelevant, or no support.

0 = inaccurate or no response

