

Has President Trump drained the swamp?

Supporting Questions

1. What is the revolving door of politics?
2. Where do cabinet members come from?

12 Grade Revolving Door of Politics Inquiry by CJ Goularte

Has President Trump drained the swamp?	
Inquiry Standard	12.2 Evaluate the President's appointment powers. 14.1 Describe how federal bureaucrats get their jobs 14.5 Identify the means of controlling the bureaucracy and assess the role of iron triangles.
Staging the Compelling Question	Watch the clip from House of Cards and discuss with a partner where the power is that Frank Underwood (Kevin Spacey) is talking about when he says the real power isn't inside the White House its outside the White House working in conjunction with it.

Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2
What is the revolving door of politics?	Where do cabinet members come from?
Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
Identify and explain the actions taken by both presidents regarding the revolving door.	Look at the graphics and compare and contrast the data between Trump's cabinet and those of other presidents.
Featured Sources	Featured Sources
Source A: Obama failed to close revolving door Source B: Executive Order Source C: Trump drains the swamp? Source D: What is the revolving door	Source A: Comparing Cabinets Source B: Trump Appointees

Summative Performance Task	ARGUMENT Develop a thesis argument addressing the compelling question and create an outline of the supporting paragraphs.
Taking Informed Action	EXTENSION . UNDERSTAND . ASSESS . ACTION .

Inquiry Description

We will investigate whether President Trump has followed through on his campaign promise to drain the swamp and eliminate outside influences from corrupting policymaking, and increase government transparency.

Structure

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Staging the Compelling Question

Compelling Question	Has President Trump drained the swamp?
Featured Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Source A: Chapter 65: Where the power is

Staging the compelling question

Compelling Question

Featured Source A

Chapter 65: Where the power is

Excerpt

<https://youtu.be/ixTIW6kwOyw>

Source:

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Supporting Question 1

Supporting Question	What is the revolving door of politics?
Formative Performance Task	Identify and explain the actions taken by both presidents regarding the revolving door.
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Consider the actions of former President Obama and current President Trump to address the revolving door of politics.

Formative Performance Task

Supporting Question 1

Featured Source A

Obama failed to close revolving door

Excerpt

<https://www.politico.com/story/2015/12/barack-obam..>

Source:

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Supporting Question 1

Featured Source B

Executive Order

Excerpt

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/0..>

Source:

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Supporting Question 1

Featured Source C

Trump drains the swamp?

Excerpt

<https://www.npr.org/2017/04/26/525551816/trumps-ef..>

Source:

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Supporting Question 1

Featured Source D

What is the revolving door

Excerpt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XLuaebsdAA>

Source:

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Supporting Question 2

Supporting Question	Where do cabinet members come from?
Formative Performance Task	Look at the graphics and compare and contrast the data between Trump's cabinet and those of other presidents.
Featured Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Source A: Comparing Cabinets● Source B: Trump Appointees

Using the resources evaluate the make-up of presidents' cabinets and consider the occupational backgrounds of these people.

Formative Performance Task

Supporting Question 2

Featured Source A

Comparing Cabinets

Excerpt

<https://www.npr.org/2016/12/28/506299885/how-the-d..>

Source:

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Supporting Question 2

Featured Source B

Trump Appointees

Excerpt

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/15/us/politics/tru..>

Source:

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Summative Performance Task

Compelling Question	Has President Trump drained the swamp?
Argument	Develop a thesis argument addressing the compelling question and create an outline of the supporting paragraphs.
Extension	.

Argument

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Extension

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Taking Informed Action

Understand	.
Assess	.
Action	.

