2. What are standing committees? What rule determines which members of congress will serve as chairs and which as members of each committee? Standing committees is a permanent committee that meets regularly. The rule that determines which members of congress will serve as chairs and which as members of each committee is a Seniority.

3. Describe the role of select committees, joint committees and conference committees. Select committees are panels set up for some specific purpose and most often for a limited time. Joint committees are composed of members of both houses. Conference committees are created to iron out the differences in the bill.

4. Why is the power of Congress to investigate a vital part of its legislative functions? The power of Congress to investigate a vital part of its legislative functions because the framers knew that legislatures must oversee the executive to make sure nothing goes wrong. Congress must oversee the legislatures to make sure the people are doing their jobs.