



LESSON PLAN: THE FEDERAL CONFIRMATION PROCESS: CHOOSING THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB

Name: _____ Date: _____

FINDING THE FACTS

Directions: Work with your partner to use Internet and library resources to find the answers to each question below. Keep in mind that you are representing one of the two major political parties, so the data you collect should reflect the current views of your party in regard to the qualifications of the nominee for CIA director, Porter Goss. Include as much information as possible to provide a complete answer for each question.

1. What past experience does Porter Goss have that makes him a qualified candidate to be the director of the CIA?

2. What concerns are there about Porter Goss's ability to direct the CIA? Give specific examples.

3. Give specific reasons why President Bush nominated Porter Goss to lead the CIA. Include political reasons here as well.

4. List specific concerns that democrats, particularly presidential candidate John Kerry, have about Porter Goss leading the CIA. Include political reasons here as well.

5. What specific things has Porter Goss said and/or done to show he would or would not be the best person to take over the job as the CIA director? List specific examples.

6. Use the space below to record additional information related to Porter Goss and his ability to be an effective CIA director.