Worksheet 3 for Activity 3

Citizen’s Role in the legislative process

Name: _______________________________________________________

As you read the essay, answer the following questions.

1. How many years did it take before the King Holiday bill became law?

2. At the signing of the bill, Dr. King’s widow, Coretta King, declared the King Holiday to be a holiday for whom?

3. What was presented to Congress, with millions of signature, to show support for the bill?

4. Why was certain individuals opposed the bill and how did Congress respond to their objections?

5. By the time the bill became law, how many states declared King’s birthday a state holiday?

6. What else did you learn about citizens’ participation in the movement for a national holiday to honor Dr. King?