

# Comparing Laws

## Directions

Use **Handout G: Homestead Act of 1862** and **Handout H: Affordable Care Act of 2010** to compare and contrast the two laws according to the following Critical Thinking Questions.

## CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS:

1. Compare and contrast the length of the Homestead Act of 1862 with the length of the Affordable Care Act of 2010.
2. Compare and contrast the language of the Homestead Act of 1862 with the language of the Affordable Care Act of 2010.
3. What factors might explain the differences in the length and wording of the two laws? How might this be related to the increasing powers of Congress?