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Titel:	Trump's Russia Affair – Robert Mueller and The Special Counsel Investigation on Donald Trump
Reihe:	Arbeitsblätter der Reihe "Englisch aktuell"
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Kurzvorstellung:	<p>Diese fertig ausgearbeiteten Arbeitsblätter zur englischen Landeskunde setzen sich mit den Ermittlungen bezüglich der mutmaßlichen Verbindungen zwischen Donald Trumps Wahlkampfteam und russischen Staatsmännern auseinander.</p> <p>Die Schülerinnen und Schüler können den Inhalt selbständig erarbeiten und das individuelle Lerntempo jeweils anpassen. Dies gewährleistet die Binnendifferenzierung ohne gesonderte Aufgabenstellung.</p>
Inhaltsübersicht:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What led to the Special Counsel Investigation?• What is a Special Counsel Investigation?• What charges have been brought?• What will happen next?• Ausführlicher Lösungsteil

What led to the Special Counsel Investigation?

1. Read the following text and fill in the words from the box below.

covert	allegedly	undermine	discredit	candidate	aspired
assessment	obstruction	anonymous	influence		

During the 2016 presidential election campaigns, _____ hackers gained access to the computer servers of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) as well as the personal e-Mail account of the chairman of Democratic presidential _____ Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta. The information gained by the hackers was forwarded to and subsequently published on WikiLeaks. Furthermore, incorrect or lurid news headlines were promoted on social media with the intent to _____ the DNC and Hillary Clinton.

These events triggered an investigation into who launched the cyber-attacks. Several intelligence agencies came to the definitive conclusion that Russia stood behind these attacks. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) published the following _____ after the investigation:

“Russian efforts to _____ the 2016 US presidential election represent the most recent expression of Moscow’s longstanding desire to undermine the US-led liberal democratic order [...]. We assess Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the US presidential election. Russia’s goals were to _____ public faith in the US democratic process, denigrate Secretary Clinton, and harm her electability and potential presidency. We further assess Putin and the Russian Government developed a clear preference for President-elect Trump. [...] We also assess Putin and the Russian Government _____ to help President-elect Trump’s election chances when possible by discrediting Secretary Clinton and publicly contrasting her unfavorably to him. All three agencies [CIA, FBI, NSA] agree with this judgment. [...] Moscow’s influence campaign followed a Russian messaging strategy that blends _____ intelligence operations— such as cyber activity—with overt efforts by Russian Government agencies, state-funded media, third-party intermediaries, and paid social media users or ‘trolls’.”¹

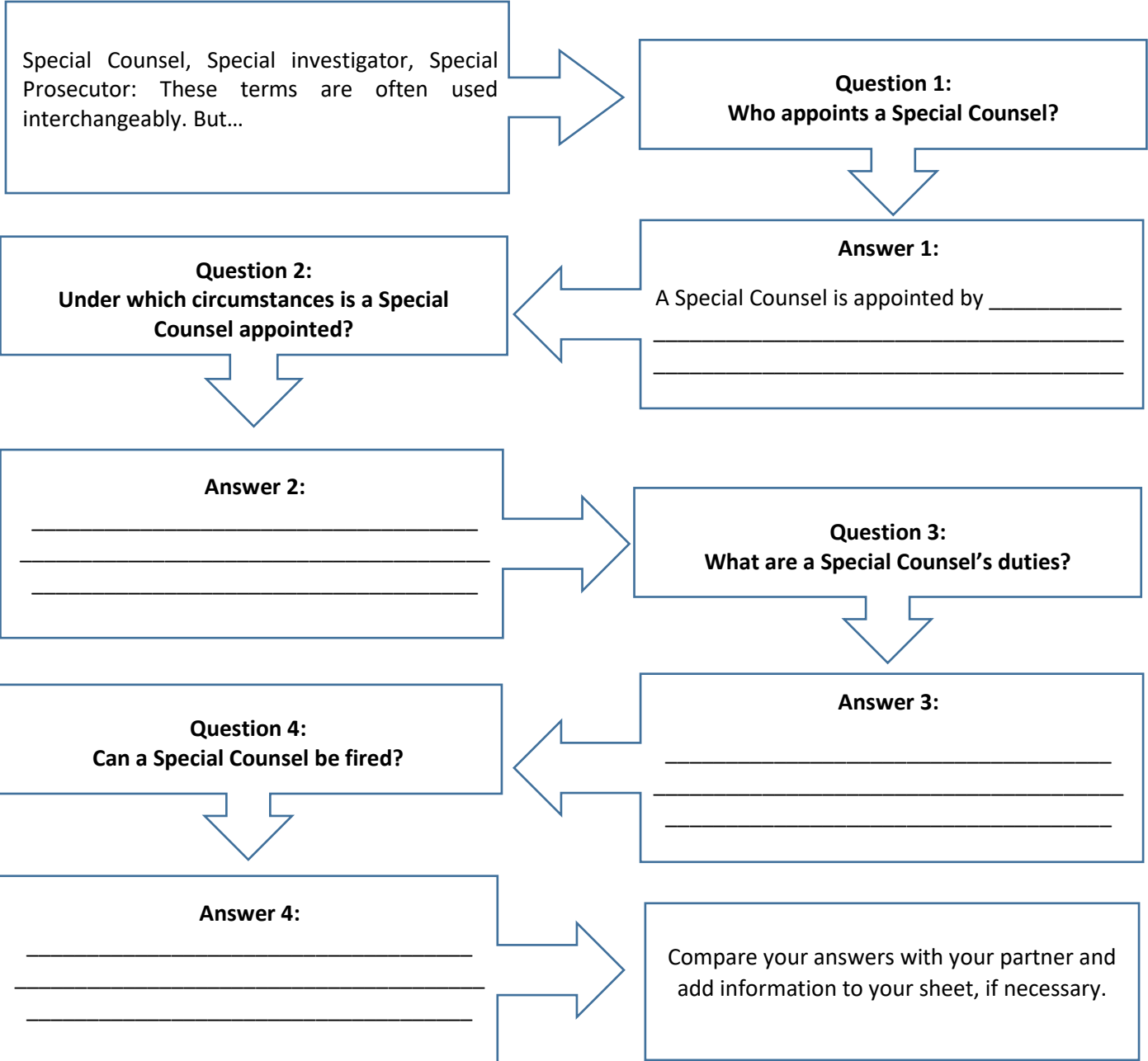
After his inauguration, President Trump _____ asked FBI director James Comey to abandon the FBI investigation into former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn’s role in Russian meddling during the election. President Trump subsequently fired Comey from his post on May 9th, 2017. On May 17th, 2017, due to concerns that Comey’s firing constituted _____ of justice, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein appointed Robert Mueller, a former FBI Director, to serve as Special Counsel in order to investigate “any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump”.²

¹ Source: ODNI (2017): “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections”. Source available online at: https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA_2017_01.pdf

² Source: Office of the Deputy Attorney General (2017): Order No. 3915-2017 “Appointment of special counsel to investigate Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election and related matters”. Source available online at: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/967231/download>

What is a Special Counsel Investigation?

1. Do the following Web Quest. Begin with the first box and read the question. Use the resources provided below or other resources to find the answer to the question and fill the answer into the answer box. Then move on to the next question.



Use the following resources, or other resources to find the answers for this Web Quest:

- <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/part-600>
- <http://www.businessinsider.de/what-is-special-prosecutor-counsel-trump-russia-james-comey-2017-5?r=US&IR=T>
- <http://www.businessinsider.de/can-trump-fire-special-counsel-robert-mueller-pardon-2017-7?r=US&IR=T>
- <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/05/18/what-the-special-counsel-can-and-cant-do-with-his-investigation.html>
- <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/967231/download>

WHAT IS A SPECIAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATION?

1. Do the following Web Quest. Begin with the first box and read the question. Use the resources provided below or other resources to find the answer to the question and fill the answer into the answer box. Then move on to the next question.

Special Counsel, Special investigator, Special Prosecutor: These terms are often used interchangeably. But...

Question 1:
Who appoints a Special Counsel?

Question 2:
Under which circumstances is a Special Counsel appointed?

Answer 1:

A Special Counsel is appointed by the Attorney General, Acting/Deputy Attorney General or in certain cases, the President

Answer 2:
A Special Counsel is appointed when the person who would normally prosecute has a conflict of interest in the case, or when there is a public interest that a Special Counsel prosecutes the case

Question 3:
What are a Special Counsel's duties?

Question 4:
Can a Special Counsel be fired?

Answer 3:

The Special Counsel has all the duties of a US attorney and is charged with investigating a certain case

Answer 4:
Yes, the Special Counsel can be fired, but only under certain circumstances. Currently only the (Deputy/Acting) Attorney General can fire the Special Counsel.

Compare your answers with your partner and add information to your sheet, if necessary.



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