

Role of Congress

Read pp 93-97

1. When Congress people decide on how to vote on an issue they base it on what four influences.
2. Define constituent and Congressional oversight
3. How many pieces of mail are sent to Congress each year?
4. List five topics that constituents write a bout.
5. This mail is used to “detect patterns”. Explain.

HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Read pp 98-104 and 126-128

1. Explain the size of Congress.
2. Define : census
3. How many representatives are there in the House of Representatives?
4. Who are the non-voting delegates? Name the places.
5. Explain Congressional apportion.
6. In the 1964 Supreme Court Case Westberry v. Sanders explain what it decided.
7. How is this still unequal for some states?
8. What is gerrymandering? Why did it come about?
9. Explain the Supreme Court case Thonsburg v. Gingles.
10. What does the 27th Amendment say about pay raises?
11. Define: franking.

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Read pp. 126-127

1. Read Floor Consideration ----- just read
2. Define: filibuster, cloture, roll call vote
3. What happens when a bill has been passed by one house? What if their bill is different?
4. How is a conference committee selected?

PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

Read pp. 148-154

1. What does the Constitution say is the duty of the President?
2. Define: executive orders
3. Who does the President appoint and who approves these appointments?
4. Define: executive privilege
5. Why does the President conduct foreign policy?
6. Define: treaty and alliance. Who makes and who approves?
7. Define: diplomatic recognition. Who does this?
8. Explain the 1973 War Powers Act.
9. What Judicial power does a president have?
10. Define: reprieve, pardon, commutation
11. List three legislative powers of the president.