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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #6 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

House of Representatives	incumbent	candidate	position	credit
Senate	record	Congress	states	electoral

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- ☐ 2. The actual rules of elections, like when the polls are open, where they are, as well as the registration requirements, are pretty much up to the _____, subject to some federal election law.
- ☐ 3. In the _____, each election district chooses a single representative, which is why we call them single-member districts.
- ☐ 4. The _____ is much more easy to figure out because both of the state senators are elected by the entire state.
- ☐ 5. The second characteristic that a _____ must possess is the ability to raise money.
- ☐ 6. The person holding an office who runs for that office again is called the _____ and has a big advantage over any challenger.
- ☐ 7. The first is that a sitting congressman has a _____ to run on, which we hope includes some legislative accomplishments.
- ☐ 8. The _____ connection is the idea that congressmen were primarily motivated by the desire to get re-elected
- ☐ 9. The second activity is _____ claiming; congressmen get things done so they can say they got them done.
- ☐ 10. The next time you see a congressmen call for a hearing, or read about a senator threatening to filibuster a policy, ask yourself, is this representative claiming credit or taking a _____.



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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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Answer Key

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