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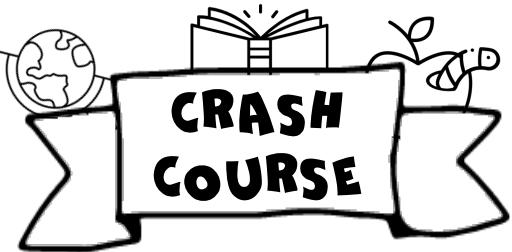
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## US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #6 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

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

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

- 1. Constitutionally at least, \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important branch of government because it is the one that is supposed to be the most responsive to the people.
- 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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