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Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Please answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who was Jefferson Smith and what is his job before he gets picked for the Senate?

2. Why did they need to pick a new Senator? _____

3. Why did they pick Jefferson Smith to be the new Senator?

4. Describe Jefferson Smith's first couple of days in Washington D.C. _____

5. What bill does Jefferson Smith propose? _____

6. Why is this bill such a sensitive issue for Senator Payne? _____

7. What steps are taken for this bill to become a law? Are they all of the steps in the process?

8. What is a filibuster? _____

9. Why does Sen. Smith filibuster? What does he hope to accomplish? _____

10. Is he successful? Why or why not? _____

11. Compare characters, issues and decision of the movie to today's government. How are they similar and how are they different?
