

Scavenger Hunt: Getting to Know Congress, SSCG9,10

Instructions: Working in pairs, you will create a PowerPoint using the items below. Email (jwhitfield@henry.k12.ga.us) your PowerPoint (preferable) or bring it to school on a thumb-drive by the due date.

Due Date:

The items you must include in your PowerPoint with points [Total: 100 Points (Contents 85 Points, Appearance 15 Points)]:

1. A map that shows the city in which our Congress is located. The map **MUST** include the site of Capitol Hill. The entire National Mall is required to be included in the map. [2 Points]
2. A picture of the building in which Congress is located [2 Points]
3. The system for how states are represented in the House of Representatives and the Senate—explain in your words as though you are talking to a person from another country. For the House, be specific be explaining the process. [4 Points]
4. The titles of the leaders of each house of Congress, the names of the current leaders with a picture, their contact information (email address is best, but could include phone numbers, street address, etc.), the state they are from, and their political party. You must include a description/definition of what the title, i.e., what that person does, minimum of three specific tasks the person performs. [19 Points] These are the specific leaders, for the House: Speaker, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Leader, Minority Whip. For the Senate: Presiding Officer (President), President Pro-Tem, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Leader, Minority Whip.
5. The total number of United States Senators, term length, requirements for becoming a Senator, and current salary [8 Points]
6. The names of our state's United States Senators with a picture, their email addresses or other contact information (phone, street address), their political party, and the name and brief description of a MAJOR piece of legislation (law) they have sponsored (or co-sponsored) [10 Points]
7. The total number of United States Representatives, a picture or map of the number of U.S. Representatives from each state (does not include the number of senators), term length, requirements for becoming a Representative, and current salary [5 Points] Use the 2012 congressional district map, find it on the internet. Hint: Georgia has 14 House members.
8. The total number of representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives **from our state**, our Congressional district, the name of the U.S. Representative who serves our Congressional District with a picture, their email addresses or other contact information (phone/street address), their political party, and the name and brief description of a piece of legislation (law) they have sponsored (co-sponsored). Include a map showing the current congressional districts in Georgia. [9 Points] Add this: Define and describe “reapportionment,” define and describe “redistricting,” define and describe “gerrymandering” (and include “packing” and “cracking” as separate terms). [10 points] To find your specific representative, go on the U.S. House web site and click on the “find your representative” link. Locate your specific congressman by street address, if necessary.
9. See Mr. Whitfield to be assigned a House Committee. On 2 separate slides, do the following:
 - Slide One: For the committee you will name it, state its date of creation, and tell what type committee it is, with a definition of that term. Include its basic jurisdiction (what topics/issues it covers, list THREE). In addition, name one piece of legislation the bill has considered. It can be a current bill, or one that has actually been passed into law.
 - Slide Two: For the leadership, get a photo of the committee Chairman and include his/her name, photo and party/state/district; do the exact same for the Ranking Member. [8 Points total]
10. See Mr. Whitfield to be assigned a Senate Committee. On 2 separate slides, do the following:
 - Slide One: For the committee you will name it, state its date of creation, and tell what type committee it is, with a definition of that term. Include its basic jurisdiction (what topics/issues it covers, list THREE). In addition, name one piece of legislation the bill has considered. It can be a current bill, or one that has actually been passed into law.
 - Slide Two: For the leadership, get a photo of the committee Chairman and include his/her name, photo and party/state/district; do the exact same for the Ranking Member. [8 Points total]