

Unit 3: Legislative Branch Study Guide (Chapters 5, 6, 7, 18.1, & 18.2)

Directions: Answer the following questions in **COMPLETE** sentences on your own paper. If you do not write in complete sentences, you **MUST** write the question to receive full credit. **DUE 03/14/2011**

1. What are the qualifications to be a member of the House of Representatives? The Senate?
2. How often are members of the House of Representatives elected? The Senate?
3. What is the process of reapportionment and redistricting?
4. What is gerrymandering?
5. What are the different types of gerrymandering?
6. What is Congress's most important job?
7. What is the title of the presiding official of the House of Representatives? Who currently holds that position?
8. What is the title of the presiding official of the Senate? Who currently holds that position?
9. What are the other leadership positions in each chamber of Congress? What are their jobs?
10. What is the function of congressional committees?
11. Name and give a brief description of the five different types of congressional committees.
12. What are the different ways a bill can leave a committee?
13. Describe the seniority rule.
14. What four actions may the president perform when they receive a bill passed by Congress? Can Congress change any of them? If so, how?
15. What type of bill cannot originate in the Senate? Why?
16. What is a filibuster? Can it be stopped? If so, how?
17. Fiscal policy is related to what Congressional power?
18. What is a PAC?
19. What are the rules governing PACs?
20. What are the different types of interest groups? Briefly, describe them.
21. How do lobbyists seek to influence members of Congress and public policy?
22. What are the different ways Representatives try to bring federal money back to their districts?
23. What happens at each step of the legislative process in the House? The Senate?