

Congressional Webquest



Review the information contained in this webquest packet. Complete the tasks using the websites for the House and Senate. There are also opinion questions to answer. We will discuss your findings in class tomorrow.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. Constitution, Article I, section 1.

American Bicameralism: legislature divided into two houses

The House

- 435 members, 2 year terms of office
- Initiates all revenue bills, more influential on budget
- House Rules Committee
- Limited debates

The Senate

- 100 members, 6 year terms of office
- Gives “advice & consent,” more influential on foreign affairs
- Unlimited debates (filibuster)

Your members of Congress:

Use only www.house.gov and www.senate.gov to answer the following questions:

Who is your representative in the House?

Go to your representative’s home page to identify:

- Committees that he/she is a member of:

- Choose three issues (e.g., healthcare, terrorism, education) and find your representative’s positions on these issues:

Who are your two Senators?

Go to your senators’ home pages to identify:

- Committees that they are members of:

- Choose three issues (e.g., healthcare, terrorism, education) and find your senators’ positions on these issues:

Current Congressional Leadership:

Complete the chart below using www.house.gov and www.senate.gov as references.

<u>HOUSE:</u>		<u>SENATE:</u>	
Speaker of the House		President of the Senate	
<u>Name:</u>		<u>Name:</u>	
<u>Party:</u>		<u>Party:</u>	
<u>From (State):</u>		President Pro Tempore of the Senate	
		<u>Name:</u>	
		<u>Party:</u>	
Majority Leader:	Minority Leader:	Majority Leader:	Minority Leader:
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>
<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>
<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>
Majority Whip:	Minority Whip:	Majority Whip:	Minority Whip:
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name:</u>
<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>	<u>Party:</u>
<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>	<u>From (State):</u>