

The Legislative Branch (Article I of the U.S. Constitution)

- 1.What is another name for the Legislative Branch?
- 2.How many houses are there in the U.S. Congress?
- 3.What is a bicameral legislature?
- 4.What is the name of each of the houses of the U.S. Congress?
- 5.How long is the term of office of a member of the House of Representative?
- 6.How long is the term of office of a member of the Senate?
- 7.How many senators does Texas have? How many does each state have?
- 8.How is the number of representatives in the house determined for each state? (This is at least one reason why the census is very important)
- 9.How many total members are there?
- 10.Who represents each of the Texas Congressional Districts? Which political party is each a member of?
- 11.What are the names of the U.S. Senators from Texas? Which political party is each a member of?

12.House vs. Senate:

- Which is larger?Which has more flexible rules?
Which has less prestige?Which has policy specialists?
Which tends to act more slowly?

13.How often does the U.S. Congress reapportion the number of seats that each state has in the house? Why?

14.What is a filibuster and which chamber uses it?

15.What is used to stop a filibuster?

16.After reapportionment, when state governments draw the lines for congressional districts they might draw them to give one party or an incumbent an advantage. What is this process called?

19.What position is at the head of the U.S. House of Representatives?

20.Name two reasons that it is important to a political party to have the majority in the house.

21.Who is the current Speaker of the House?

22.True or False. Most bills that are introduced become law.