# CIVICS & ECONOMICS

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: How Congress is Organized**

**GUIDED NOTES**

## Terms of Congress

* 1. When does each term of Congress begin?
     1. How long does it last?
  2. How many sessions is each term divided into?
     1. Define **session**.
     2. Define **special sessions**.
     3. Define **joint sessions**.

## A Bicameral Legislature

a. Congress is (two ), consisting of the of and the .

1. Define **bill**.
2. When does a bill become a law?

## House of Representatives

* 1. How many voting members does the House of Representatives have?
  2. Qualifications:
     1. Citizen for at least years.
     2. Resident of the state for at least 1 year.
        1. Define **congressional district**.
     3. What is the minimum age?
  3. How often are the House of Representatives elected?
  4. How often is the census taken?
     1. Define **census**.
     2. What does Congress do after each census?

e. State must draw the so that the include roughly the same of .

i. Define **constituents**.

* + 1. Define **gerrymander**.

## Senate

* 1. How many years of citizenship are required to become a Senator?
  2. Where must you be a resident of for at least 1 year?
  3. What is the minimum age to become a Senator?
  4. How many senators represent each state?
     1. What part of the Great Compromise does this represent?
  5. How often are Senators elected?

## Congressional Leaders

* 1. Define **majority party**
  2. Define **minority party**.
  3. Who decides the number of members on the committees and the goals of the committees?
  4. Who is the Majority Leader elected by? Minority Leader?
  5. The leader is the party leader on the .
  6. Define **party whip**.

g. Which party has party leaders and party whips?

* 1. Who is the **Speaker of the House**?
     1. What are the duties of the Speaker of the House?
  2. Who is the president of the Senate?
     1. When does he/she vote?
  3. Define **president pro tempore**.

## Committees: Little Legislatures

* 1. Define **committee**.

i. Our is set up on a , which Congress into small groups to and proposed bills.

* 1. Define **committee on committees**.
  2. Define **committee chairperson**.
     1. Chairpersons are chosen based on ( of .
  3. Define **standing committee**.
  4. Define **sub-committee**.
  5. Define **select committee**.
  6. Define **joint committee**.
  7. Define **conference committee**.