

1L.

Who may suggest a bill?

Any concerned citizen

2L.

Representatives must live in the state they represent and meet what two other requirements?

1. must be at least 25 years old
2. must have been a U.S. citizen at least 7 years

3L.

Senators must live in the state they represent and meet what two other requirements?

1. must be at least 30 years old
2. must have been a U.S. citizen at least 9 years

4L.

How many senators are there?

100

5L.

How long is a senator's term of office?

6 years

6L.

Which house represents the states?

Senate

7L.

What number is a "quorum" in the Senate?

51

8L.

How many senators does Minnesota have?

2

9L.

Who is in charge of the Senate?

The Vice President

10L.

Where do most bills die?

In committee

11L.

What is the minimum number of representatives
a state must have in the House of Representatives?

1

12L.

What rule stops a filibuster?

Cloture

13L.

Can there be a filibuster in the House of Representatives?

No

14L.

When the V.P. is not available, who is in charge of the Senate?

President Pro Tempore

15L.

Who is the current President of the Senate?

Mike Pence

16L.

What does it mean to convene?

To assemble

17L.

With only a few exceptions, a bill may be started in either house.
Bills involving money must begin in which house?

House of Representatives

18L.

If a state has 29 electoral votes, how many
representatives does the state have in the House of Representatives?

27

19L.

What are the three branches of government?

Legislative, Executive, Judicial

20L.

Our government is unique because it is both _____ and _____.

Flexible and stable

21L.

What is the job of the Legislative Branch of government?

To make laws

22L.

What is a one-house legislature called?

Unicameral

23L.

When does Congress convene?

January 3rd

24L.

How do we decide how many representatives each state will have?

By the population

25L.

Is there a limit on debate in the Senate?

No

26L.

According to our founding fathers, if your government isn't serving your needs you have the duty to _____.

Change it

27L.

Who is in charge of the House of Representatives?

Speaker of the House

28L.

Who is the current Speaker of the House?

Nancy Pelosi (D) California

29L.

Who are the current CA senators?

Dianne Feinstein (D)

Kamala Harris (D)

30L.

What number is a quorum in the House of Representatives?

218

31L.

Who is the current President Pro Tempore of the Senate?

Charles Grassley (R) Iowa

32L.

How does the President Pro Tempore get his job?

Must be the senior senator of
the majority party

33L.

Can the Speaker of the House vote on issues in the House?

Yes

34L.

Our government is self-governing so we call this country a _____.

Democracy

35L.

What do the initials "P.L." stand for on a former bill?

Public Law

36L.

What is a two-house legislature called?

Bicameral

37L.

Can the President Pro Tempore vote on Senate issues?

Yes

38L.

Who succeeds the Vice President as President of the United States?

Speaker of the House

39L.

What is a filibuster?

When a senator talks endlessly to delay action on a bill.

40L.

What does the rules committee do?

1. Sends a bill to its proper committee
2. Makes specific rules for individual bills

41L.

Can the Vice President vote on Senate issues?

No-unless there is a tie

42L.

What is a "quorum"?

The number necessary to legally do business
(in our government 1 more than half)

43L.

Is there a limit on debate in the House of Representatives?

Yes-1 Hour

44L.

How many representatives are in the House of Representatives?

435

45L.

What are the two major political parties in the U.S.?

Democrats and Republicans

46L.

A representative's term of office is ____ years.

2

47L.

What are the names of the two houses in our federal government?

House of Representatives and Senate

48L.

How do we decide how many senators a state has?

Each state has 2

49L.

The Speaker of the House must always be a member of the _____ party.

Majority

50L.

Which house represents the people?

House of Representatives

51L.

Does the U.S. Constitution say that we have two political parties?

No-there is no mention of political parties in the U.S. Constitution

52L.

For a bill to become a law it must pass both houses, true or false?

True

53L.

Who elects the Speaker of the House?

Direct vote of the House

54L.

To keep one branch from gaining too much power,
we have a system of _____ and _____.

Checks and balances

55L.

What fraction of our senators is elected every 2 years?

1/3

56L.

When the population of the U.S. is officially
counted, we call that count a _____.

Census

57L.

A committee consisting of members from both houses is called a _____ committee.

Joint or conference

58L.

When a vetoed bill is re-passed by 2/3 of both houses, this is called a veto _____. The bill then becomes a law.

Override

59L.

If Congress adjourns before the President acts on a bill, he may refuse to sign it. This is called a _____ veto.

Pocket

60L.

What majority is required to override the President's veto?

2/3 majority in both houses

61L.

Neither house may adjourn for more than 3 days without what?

Permission of the other house

62L.

What is a "caucus"?

A meeting of members

63L.

What is the supreme law of the land?

The U. S. Constitution

64L.

A record of what goes on in Congress is printed in the _____.

Congressional Record

65L.

The U.S. Constitution grants all law making powers to whom?

Congress

66L.

In our system of government, the U.S. Constitution gets authority from _____.

The people

67L.

What is the minimum number of representatives each state must have in Congress?

3 (1 representative and 2 senators)

68L.

When are elections held for representatives and senators?

The 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in
November of even numbered years

69L.

This gives Congress the power to
make all necessary and proper laws.

The elastic clause