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#6 Elections

1. Why is Congress the most important branch?
2. Who sets the rules about how Congress members are elected? Example:
3. What 3 factors leads this source to say an individual is a ‘good’ candidate
4. What does the power of encumbency give an individual?
5. What is the Electoral Connection?

#7 Committees

1. Define the different types of committees: standing, special, select, joint, conference.
2. What is the ‘gatekeeping’ power of the Speaker or a Committee chair?
3. How does a bill die in committee? How can it be revived?
4. What changes did Speaker Gingrich make to committee activities (besides making Ms. Coyne lose her job)?
5. Name 2 staff agencies and what they do.
6. What is the purpose of the Caucus system? Name 2.

#8 Leadership

1. Name the roles of Congressional leadership.
2. Who are they currently? (look up separately!)
3. What roles do political parties play in Congressional leadership?
4. What is the job of the House Rules Committee?
5. What are the most sought after committees in the House? The Senate?
6. If you are a NC Congressperson, what committee placement might you prefer?

#10 Decisions

1. What are the 3 factors/agents who influence Congressional decision making?
2. Define the first. Are you a cynic about this one? What role do you think it really plays?
3. Name the second. Where is this influence felt the most?
4. What factors influence the strength of the third influence?
5. Last night President Trump set out his Agenda. What initiatives interest you the most? Which the least. Grade the President’s job in office so far: GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR GRADE!