**Know and Be Able To (KBAT)**

Chapter 11 – Congress

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION:** How are American citizens represented, and how does Congress put policy ideas into effect?

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**BE ABLE TO**

1. Characterize the backgrounds of members of Congress and assess their impact on the ability of members of Congress to represent average Americans.
2. Identify the principal factors influencing the outcomes in congressional elections.
3. Compare the contrast and House and Senate, and describe the roles of congressional leaders, committees, caucuses, and staff.
4. Outline the path of bills to passage and explain the influences of congressional decision making.

**CASE STUDIES**

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