**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?

**KNOW**

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| Casework  Caucus/coalition (Congressional)  Closed Rule  Cloture  Committee Chairs  Conference Committees  Constituent  Delegate Role of Representation  Discharge Petition  Earmarks  Filibuster | Franking Privilege  Gerrymandering  House Rules Committee  House Ways and Means Committee  Incumbents  Joint Committees  Legislative Oversight  Logrolling  Majority Leader  Minority Leader  Open Rule | Pork Barrel  President Pro Tempore  Reapportionment  Rider  Select Committees  Seniority System  Speaker of the House  Standing Committees  Trustee Role of Representation  Whips |

**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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