

STUDY GUIDE—OPEN NOTE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH QUIZ (80 POINTS)
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What is Bicameral:

US House of Reps

--Numbers/how determined

--Length of terms

--Qualifications for membership

--Speaker of the House

-Name:

-Powers

--Montana's Representative/Party

--Gianforte Scandal:

Elastic Clause:

Descriptive vs. Substantive Representation

Congressional Demographics--

Gender, Wealth, Race, etc.

--Special Powers of the House of Reps:

US Senate:

--Numbers/how determined

--Length of terms

--Qualifications

--Current President of Senate

-Name

-Powers

--Montana's Senators/political parties:

--Special Powers of Senate:

Incumbency:

--Special Privileges of incumbents

--What other advantages do incumbents possess?

--Specific Advantages of Seniority

--Pork Barrel Projects/Earmarks

--Why do incumbents sometimes lose?

Significant Differences between House of Reps and Senate:

--Filibuster

--Cloture

Primary Elections:

Patriocracy DVD:

Reasons why Americans are frustrated with Politicians and Washington DC:

America's Partisanship Problem:

How the Media creates political extremism:

Possible Solutions:

(OVER)

What is Gerrymandering?

--Ways that it distorts/harms democracy:

--Some possible solutions

Current Events:

--Kathleen Williams vs Greg Gianforte Race

--Jon Tester vs Matt Rosendale Race

--Midterm Election Definition/Significance:

--Why Midterms matter to Trump:

--Why Dems flipped House:

--Why Dems did not flip Senate:

--What major changes might result from Dem victory in House?

Dark Money DVD:

--What is Dark Money?

--Pros and Cons of *Citizens United v. FEC*?

--Montana Disclose Act:

Term Limits--Pros and Cons

The Case For Congress Article:

--Lobbyist Definition:

--Special Interest Groups/Examples

--Political Action Committee (PAC)

--Pros and Cons of Lobbyists/Special Interests:

--Pros/Cons of Gridlock:

How a bill becomes a law (process):