

## AP GOV: Unit 3: Congress: Study Guide

**Resources:** Barron's (Small Book) Chapter 7, Lineberry (Big Book) Chapter 12

**Vocabulary:** Ad Hoc Bicameral Bipartisan Casework Cloture Divided Government Filibuster  
Gerrymandering Gridlock Incumbent Partisan Party Loyalty Pluralism Pork Barrel Spending  
Reapportionment Redistricting

**Content: Study these concepts in greater detail.**

- Advantages and Disadvantages of Incumbency in Congress
- Organization of Congress: Speaker of the House, Majority/Minority Leaders, Committees and Subcommittees  
Rules Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Standing/Select/Joint/Conference/Ad Hoc Committees
- The purpose of committees and the work done in them
- The importance of committee assignments and their benefits
- Why the work of Congress rarely reflects public opinion
- The process of how a bill becomes a law
- Voting patterns for incumbents
- Trustee vs. Delegate philosophy of representation
- Enumerated and Implied Powers of Congress, and where to find them in the Constitution
- Rules and Procedures in the House vs. The Senate
- Motions to Suspend the rules
- Current Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader, and President of the Senate