

## **Chapter 5 Review Sheet**

1. What is Congress' primary responsibility? What is the name of the 2 houses of Congress?
2. How is the number of members determined in the lower house? In the upper house?
3. What do we call the members of the House of Representatives?
4. How many members are in the House of Representatives? Can it get any bigger?
5. What is the lowest number of representatives a state can have?
6. What determines how many reps each state gets? How many is each individual rep responsible for?
7. How long are representative's terms?
8. How many senators does each state get? How many are there in all of the Senate?
9. How long are the senator's terms for? What do we call the senator that has served longer?
10. Is the entire Senate up for reelection every 6 years? Explain.
11. What are the 3 qualifications to be a member of the House of Representatives? Of the Senate?
12. What are the 3 jobs that have been held the most before a Congressperson has taken office?
13. What is the average age in the House? The Senate?
14. How much money does Congress make each year? Where are their offices located?
15. What is the franking privilege?
16. Why can't Congress members be arrested on their way to Congress?
17. Why can't Congress members be sued for things they say on the floor?
18. What is the most severe form of punishment a Congress member can receive?
19. What is censure?
20. What is the difference between a special session and a joint session?
21. What are the 3 congressional officers that the Constitution lists?
22. What is the difference between the majority and minority party?
23. How much more money does the Speaker of the House make?
24. When is the only time the Vice President can participate in the Senate?

25. Who takes over the Senate when the Vice President isn't there?
26. How is Congress able to review the thousands of bills a year that come across their desks?
27. How many permanent committees are in the Senate? The House?
28. Explain subcommittee, select committee, joint committees, and conference committees.
29. How does someone become a committee chairperson?
30. What are the 3 ways Congress can finance the government?
31. What are the 4 ways Congress can regulate and encourage trade and industry?
32. What are the 2 ways Congress can defend the country?
33. How does Congress enforce laws?
34. What are the 2 ways Congress provides for growth?
35. What is the elastic clause? Give an example.
36. Who are the 3 officials that can be impeached?
37. Where are the charges for impeachment read? Who votes on it? How many have to vote in favor of impeachment?
38. Where does the impeachment trial take place? Who are the jurors? Who are 2 the possible judges? How many have to vote in order for the official to be removed from office?
39. How many officials have been impeached? How many have been removed from office? What position did they hold?
40. Who were the 2 presidents that have been impeached? Was Nixon impeached? Explain.
41. What are the 3 special powers of the House? What are the 4 special powers of the Senate?
42. How can the Supreme Court check the powers of Congress?
43. Define an Ex Post Facto Law.
44. What's the difference between a Bill of Attainder and the *Writ of Habeas Corpus*?
45. What is the most important role of Congress?