

## Congress – Sample Homework Pacing

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### Assignment 1: Functions of Congress

- What If? - page 380
- Introduction - page 381
- The Functions of Congress - pages 381-385
- Study guide questions 1-4
- Key terms 1-9
- [Crash Course: The Bicameral Congress](#)
- [How One Piece of Legislation Divided America](#)

### Assignment 2: Constitutional Congress

- Read Article I of the [Constitution](#)
- Read Federalist Papers [53](#), [56](#), [57](#), [58](#), [62](#), and [63](#)

### Assignment 3: Powers and Houses of Congress

- The Powers of Congress - pages 386-388
- House-Senate Differences - pages 388-390
- Study guide questions 5-10
- Key terms 10-12

### Assignment 4: Checks on Congressional Power

- [Vetoed by every U.S. President](#)
- [How Power Is Divided in the United States](#)

### Assignment 5: Congressional Elections

- Congresspersons and the Citizenry: A Comparison - page 390
- Congressional Elections - pages 390-394
- Study guide questions 11-14
- Key terms 13-14
- [Crash Course: Congressional Elections](#)

### Assignment 6: Reapportionment and Redistricting

- Congressional Reapportionment - pages 394-399
- Study guide questions 15-17
- Key terms 15-17
- Read about [Pennsylvania's gerrymandering problems](#)
- Read about [North Carolina's unconstitutionally gerrymandered districts](#)
- And this about [whether the ruling will end gerrymandering](#)
- [Gerrymandering Explained](#)
- Will you be 18 on or before November 6th? You can register to vote [here](#).

#### Assignment 7: Working in Congress

- Perks and Privileges - pages 399-401
- The Committee Structure - pages 401-404
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- Key terms 18-23
- [Crash Course: Congressional Committees](#)

#### Assignment 8: Congressional Leadership

- The Formal Leadership - pages 404-408
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- [Crash Course: Congressional Leadership](#)
- [Schoolhouse Rock: I'm Just a Bill](#)

#### Assignment 9: How a Bill Becomes a Law

- How Members of Congress Decide - pages 408-411
- Study guide questions 24-26
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- [Crash Course: How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)
- [Crash Course: Congressional Decisions](#)

#### Assignment 10: The Federal Budget Process

- How Much Will the Government Spend?, pages 411-413
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#### Assignment 11: Review for the Test

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- [Cram for the Exam: Congress](#)