

## **TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER - WEB QUEST**

Use the weblinks below to answer the questions.

For all names, please include the first and last name of the individual, their party affiliation and the state that they represent. Ex. John Smith (R-IL)

### **CONGRESS**

1. What is the current term and session of Congress? (numerical, listed at top of page)

<http://www.house.gov/>

2. What is the current majority party in Congress?

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/history/one\\_item\\_and\\_teasers/partydiv.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/history/one_item_and_teasers/partydiv.htm)

3. What is the current minority party in Congress?

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/history/one\\_item\\_and\\_teasers/partydiv.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/history/one_item_and_teasers/partydiv.htm)

### **UPPER HOUSE OF CONGRESS: THE SENATE**

4. Name of this Session's Presiding Officer:

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e\\_one\\_section\\_no\\_teasers/org\\_chart.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm)

a. What other role does the presiding officer hold?

5. Name of this Session's President Pro Tempore:

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e\\_one\\_section\\_no\\_teasers/org\\_chart.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm)

a. What is unique about the President Pro Tempore?

6. Names of this Session's Floor Leaders (Republican & Democrat):

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e\\_one\\_section\\_no\\_teasers/org\\_chart.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm)

a. Republican

b. Democrat

7. Names of this Session's Assistant Floor Leaders (Republican & Democrat):

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e\\_one\\_section\\_no\\_teasers/org\\_chart.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm)

a. Republican

b. Democrat

8. Names of the two Senators from Texas:

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

- a.
- b.
- c. What leadership role does one Senator serve?
- d. For what office is the other Senator running?

### **SENATE COMMITTEES**

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e\\_one\\_section\\_no\\_teasers/org\\_chart.htm#](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm#)

9. Write down the name of one Senate standing committee.

- a. Write a one-sentence summary of what the standing committee does.
- b. Who is its leader(s)?
- c. What is the name of one subcommittee under it?

10. Who is the ranking member of the Foreign Relations committee?

### **LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS: THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

11. Name of this Session's Presiding Officer:

<http://speaker.house.gov/>

12. Name of this Session's Republican Floor Leader:

<http://republicanleader.house.gov/>

13. Name of this Session's Democratic Floor Leader:

<http://www.majorityleader.gov/>

14. Title of the Assistant Republican & Democratic Floor Leaders:

<https://www.house.gov/leadership/>

15. Name of this Session's Assistant Republican Floor Leader:

<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/index.asp>

16. Name of this Session's Assistant Democratic Floor Leader:

<http://democraticwhip.house.gov/>

17. What is the name of the Representative for El Paso, TX Use zip code 79912

<http://www.house.gov/>

- a. What congressional district is 79912 in?
- b. Describe two services that your Representative can provide for you:

### **HOUSE COMMITTEES**

<https://www.house.gov/committees/>

18. Using the Committee on the Budget's website, what is the current national debt?

- a. What is your share of the national debt?

19. Using the Committee on Education & Labor, what is the minimum wage?

- b. Was there a bill proposed to raise minimum wage and when would that change have taken effect if the bill became a law?

### **CONTACTING YOUR CONGRESS MEMBERS:**

If you finish the questions above, please work on the following assignment.

20. Part of El Paso county sits in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, who is the representative for that district?

21. Using our Senators and Congress person's website, research how these persons feel about one issue of your choice. Write this issue and 2-3 sentence summary of his opinions below:

22. How would you contact our Senators or Congress people about their opinions? Write their contact information below: