

AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
UNIT 4 - National Government Institutions (Ch 12, 13, 14 & 15)

CH 12 US CONGRESS

DATE	TOPIC	CH READING	WHAT'S DUE
M Dec 17	<p>*EQ #20- What is Congress? What do they do? *What does Congress do? *Who are the members of Congress? Are they representative of the US?</p>	Begin Ch 12 Pp. 363-367	*C-Notes / Lecture *Complete chart on Congress demographics
T Dec 18	<p>*Who wins elections in Congress? *What is an incumbent? How is incumbency an advantage?</p>	Pp. 368-373	*C-Notes / Lecture *
W Dec 19	EQ #21- How are members of the House Elected? What is gerrymandering and what are its political effects?	Pp. 374-376	*C-Notes and Film clips
TH Dec 20	*The politics of Gerrymandering	N/A	*C-Notes and film clips
F Dec 21	*Can Gerrymandering be reformed?	N/A	*Finish EQ #21 *Activity- Gerrymandering Grid *FRQ passed out; due Tuesday
M Jan 7	No Classes / Teacher Work Day	N/A	*Do FRQ
T Jan 8	<p>EQ #22- How is the Senate different than the House? *What are the key leadership positions in congress? *Activity- Begin Graphic Org</p>	Pp. 377-384	*Gerrymandering FRQ due today!
W Jan 9	<p>EQ #23- How is Congress Organized to do work? What is the process of passing laws? *What are the FOUR types of committees in Congress? Why do they use committees? *Activity- Finish Graphic Org</p>	Pp. 385-391	

TH Jan 10	*What is the Legislative Process? Describe how a bill becomes law. (Part 1)	Pp. 385-391	*Congressional Leadership Quiz *Debrief FRQ in class today
F Jan 11	*What is the Legislative Process? Describe how a bill becomes law (Part 2) *Congressional Powers	Pp. 392-394	*C-Notes *Bill to Law film and activity
M Jan 14	*Finish Congressional Powers *Wrap-Up / Review Ch 12 US Congress	N/A	Ch 12 HW Due *Ch 12 Quiz
T Jan 15	*Begin Ch 13 The President		