Directions: Watch each episode of Crash Course Government & Politics and answer the questions that go with it.

**Crash Course Government and Politics #6 ~ Congressional Elections**

1. Who’s in charge of Congressional elections?

2. According to the video, what characteristics must candidates for Congress have?

3. List some of the advantages of incumbency.

4. Define “franking privileges.”

5. What are the three components of the “electoral connection”?

**Crash Course Government and Politics #7 ~ Congressional Committees**

6. What are the permanent committees of Congress called?

7. Why do committees exist?

8. What is the “gatekeeping authority”? Who has this power?

9. What is legislative oversight?

10. What are the two types of Congressional staffers?

11. What is meant by “scoring” a bill? Who is responsible for doing this?

12. What are Congressional Caucuses? What’s their purpose?

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Crash Course Government and Politics #8 ~ Congressional Leadership

13. Who is the leader of the House of Representatives?

14. Who is the leader of the Senate? (No, it is not the Vice President.)

15. Who gets to assign members to the different committees?


Crash Course Government and Politics #9 ~ How a bill becomes a law

17. Where do ideas for bills come from?

18. Where must all revenue bills start?

19. What is the difference between an “open rule” and “closed rule” in Congress?

20. What is the role of the Conference Committee?

21. What is a “pocket veto”? (When can POTUS use it?)

22. How can Congress override a presidential veto?

23. What are “vetogates”?

Crash Course Government and Politics #10 ~ Congressional Decisions

24. Where are interest groups most influential in the legislative process?

25. What is “logrolling”?

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