Video = “The Congress” by Ken Burns
As you watch the program, answer the following questions.

1. In America, who governs? (according to Ben Franklin)

2. How many people have served in Congress over the years? Describe some of their professions.

3. How many members of Congress have went on to serve as President?

4. Where did the first US Congress meet?

5. The first Congress set President Washington’s salary at what amount?

6. When was the US Capitol moved to Washington DC?

7. What are the two big questions that have existed throughout the history of Congress?

8. As the country grew, what was the big issue that would tear the government apart?

9. Who engineered the Missouri Compromise?

10. What was Henry Clay’s nickname?

11. What did the Compromise of 1850 do?
12. Which state was the first to secede from the Union?

13. Who was the only Southern Senator to stay loyal to the Union?

14. Why was (is) the importance of the Rules Committee?

15. Who was the first woman to serve in Congress?

16. Which party took control of Congress in 1932?

17. Who was the one person in Congress to oppose going to war against Japan & Germany?

18. According to the video, who was the ultimate manager in Congress?

19. What important event happened in the US in 1974?

20. According to the program, what is the promise of Congress?