

Legislative & Judicial Branch Homework

1. How do you believe states should handle the process of Congressional redistricting to avoid gerrymandering? Be specific and defend your response.
2. Evaluate the qualifications for running for Congress required by the Constitution.
3. Is the Speaker of the House too powerful? Why or why not?
4. Is the Senate Majority Leader too powerful? Why or why not?
5. Evaluate the role of committees in Congressional work.
6. The Founders clearly intended the Legislature to be the most powerful branch of government. Is that still true today? Defend your response.
7. Does Congress still effectively control our war powers? Defend your response.
8. Evaluate the differences in power between the House of Representatives and the Senate.
9. Evaluate Congress's power to investigate. To what extent is it essential versus to what extent is it being abused?
10. Is it too difficult for Congress to pass laws? Defend your response.
11. Evaluate the roll of earmarks/pork in Congressional lawmaking.
12. Should the Senate abolish the filibuster? Why or why not?
13. Does the justice system need to be reformed in order to meet its goals? Why or why not?
14. Evaluate the separation of jurisdiction into state and federal systems.
15. Are grand juries effective? Why or why not?
16. Are petit juries effective? Why or why not?
17. Evaluate the appeals process in the U.S. judicial system.
18. Evaluate the Supreme Court's judicial review powers.
19. Evaluate the principle of stare decisis.
20. Is the Supreme Court an equal branch of government compared to Congress and the Presidency? Why or why not?