

First Day of Congress Worksheet

Name: _____

The Parties Announce Their Leaders

1) How often are the party leaders elected?

2) In which century did Congress institute the election of majority and minority leaders?

3) Why do you think the parties elect party leaders?

Election of the House Officers

1) Summarize how the process by which House officers are elected.

Use the Extra Credit on the Election of the House Officers page to answer the following questions

2) Using the Election of the House Officers section, name the current Chaplain, Clerk, and Sergeant at Arms.

Chaplain: _____

Clerk: _____

Sergeant at Arms: _____

Adoption of the House Rules

1) Which party ends the debate on the adoption of the House rules?

2) How does the minority party suggest changes to the House rules?

3) What rules would you ask the House to adopt if you were a Member of Congress? Why?
