**Chapter 10-Congress**

**Section One: The National Legislature (pg. 268-271)**

**A Bicameral Congress (pg. 268-270)**

Define the term ***Bicameral***:

***Identify*** and explain the three main reasons the Constitution established a bicameral legislature:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

* The British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had consisted of two houses since the 1300’s
* Of the states, all but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had two houses in their legislatures by 1787
* Today, only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a single house legislature

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

* A two-chambered body settled a conflict between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wanted to distributes seats in Congress in proportion to the population
* Smaller states demanded an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ voice in Congress

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

* The Framers knew that one house might act as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the other

**Terms and Sessions (pg. 270-271)**

**Terms of Congress**

***Identify*** the structure of Congressional terms:

***Explain*** when each Congressional term currently begins and ***Identify*** the Constitutional Amendment that established that date:

If the 111th Congress ran from January 3rd, 2009 to January 3rd, 2011 which Congress will begin on January 3rd, 2017?

**Sessions**

***Identify*** the term Session:

How many sessions is each Congressional term broken into?

**Sessions continued…**

While Congress may remain in session for most of the year, each house will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for several short periods during a session.

What is it called when both houses take a small break in which they temporally suspend business?

***Identify*** the power Article II, Section 3 grants the President? Has a President ever used this power?

**Special Sessions**

***Identify*** the term Special Session:

***Describe*** the last time a President called a special session:

**\*\***Please answer the **Critical Thinking** Questions # 5-7 located on page 271 on the bottom of this page.