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**Chapter 9 Reading Guide – AP US Government**

**Due 2/29**

**Value: 35 points**

**Terms:**

bicameralism pork barrel descriptive representation substantive representation

trustee delegate politco casework electoral connection redistricting

apportionment gerrymandering gridlock incumbency advantage earmarks seniority Speaker of the House majority leader

whip system minority leader president pro tempore roll call vote party vote

party unity standing committees select committees joint committees conference committees

**Concepts:**

1) Read the Introduction. Describe the tension between responsibility and responsiveness. 255-256

**Congress and the People (pages 258-271)**

2) Create a chart of the different types of representation. (258-260)

3) Describe the issues in the representative-constituency relationship. (260-262)

4) What are the three ways that members of Congress promote their chances for re-election? Briefly explain each. (262-263)

5) Describe the role of redistricting? What are the problems with redistricting? Describe three types of redistricting Be sure you clearly understand this! (263-266)

6) What is an incumbent? What are the advantages that incumbents have in the re-election process? (268-271)

**The Structure of Congress (Pages 271 – 280)**

7) Identify and Describe some of the norms in how Congress works. (271-272)

8) What are the roles of party leaders in shaping how Congress works? As part of this, create a graphic that shows the hierarchy or organization of leadership in Congress(272- 274)

9) What is “pork”? (273)

10) What are the role of parties in how Congress works? (274 – 276)

11) What do the different types of committees do? What function does the committee system play? What is the distributive theory? What other purposes do the committees fill? (277-279)

12) Briefly summarize the section on congressional staff. (280)