

Mock Senate Guidelines

STATE PROFILE (All Senators):

- A. State name

- B. State Government: strongest political party, male: female ratio of Senators and Representatives, political parties, anything else of interest.

- C. Economics: types of industry, unemployment rate, income levels, poverty rate, job growth rate, tax base, spending, etc. (see the Almanac)

- D. People: population, changes in population, urban/rural ratio, racial mix, religion, age spread, etc.

- E. Other: education, violent crimes, major concerns or problems, environmental concerns, pollution, development, etc. These should be items that as a Senator, you want to try to solve, or would influence how you vote.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

1. You must plan and deliver a presentation on the rules of conduct in the Senate (Roberts' Rules of Order).

2. Plan a bill that will be presented to the class as an example.

3. Prepare and give a quiz on the following day.

4. When in session, be present every day, maintain order, run by the rules you establish.

SECRETARY:

1. You must be present every day. If the President cannot be present, you will be expected to run the Senate.

2. Make a poster of all the Senators and their political parties and highlight socioeconomic characteristics of your state.

3. Keep a daily summary of bills introduced, passed and amended.

4. If your school has a newspaper, have a printed summary of the bills and the action on the bills.