

# Congress: The Legislative Branch Guided Reading Activity

*Chapter 5 - pages 143-147*

**Section 4**

## READING THE SECTION

In your own words, write the definition of each term.

1. president pro tempore: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. seniority rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. filibuster: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. cloture: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## POST-READING QUICK CHECK

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

5. According to the informal qualifications to join the Senate, what are the characteristics of a typical senator?  
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6. Describe the leadership structure of the Senate.  
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7. What is the role of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and why is it unique to that chamber?  
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