

Introduction to Texas Congressional Delegation

Unit 4a Online Assignment -- Part 1

Find Your Elected Officials

[Click here to determine who represents you.](#)

Your State Officials

Please note that these individuals represent you in Austin. Do not reference these individuals in the rest of the assignment. As a citizen, you should know who your State Senator and State Rep.

State Senate District # _____ Representative _____ Party _____

State House District # _____ Representative _____ Party _____

Your Federal Officials

You will base your answers to the rest of this assignment on these individuals.

U.S. Senate (Senior Member) _____ Party _____ Class _____

U.S. Senate (Junior Member) _____ Party _____ Class _____

U.S. House District # _____ Representative _____ Party _____

U.S. Representative _____

Committee Assignments & Personal Background

From www.house.gov and www.senate.gov find your member of the House and two Senators. From their homepages, you will find the answers to the following questions.

Record the committee & sub-committee assignments for your congressional member (not senator). Write a (c) by each committee and a (sc) by each sub-committee. If his/her is a chair or ranking member, write (ch) or (rm) beside each.

Does he/she hold a position in party leadership? If so, list.

From his/her official House webpage, read the congressional member's biography.

Education _____

Occupation _____

Prior Elected Positions _____

Religion _____

Family _____

What does his/her website say about casework?

What issues seem the most important to your representative?

From the website, what is your overall impression of your congressional member?

Which caucuses does your member hold membership? (You may need to use <http://www.votesmart.org>.)

Voting Record & Interest Group Ratings

In addition to his/her House website, use the <http://www.votesmart.org> and www.opensecrets.org.

Identify three interest group ratings. Do these seem to indicate that your representative is a conservative, liberal, or moderate? Explain.

Identify two recent votes (within the last two months).

How did your representative vote on the Health Care Reform Act?

Sponsored Legislation - Use www.OpenSecrets.org

List three pieces of legislation sponsored or co-sponsored by your representatives. Briefly explain each and state whether or not you would have supported the legislation.

Campaigns & Elections - Use www.OpenSecrets.org for all questions.

When was your member first elected to Congress?

Complete the chart for the past five elections. Of course, you may not need all the rows.

Year	Opponent	Vote (% to %)	Money Raised/Spent	Money Spent/Raised By Opponent
2010				
2008				
2006				
2004				
2002				

List the three largest PAC contributors to the 2010 race. Include the amount of their donation.