

Instructions for Mock Congress

Your assignment is to draft a bill for mock congress. Remember, any group can *write* a bill, but it can only be introduced by a member of Congress. Your bill must fall within Congress' powers (see "Constitutional Power" sheet) and contain the following:

A **title** that describes the subject of the bill

Section One: Define **important terms** that will be referenced throughout the bill.

Section Two: Explain the bill's **purpose**. In other words, what do you hope will be accomplished by this bill?

Section Three: Describe the **provisions** of your bill. How, precisely, will the bill work? How long will it take to implement the bill? What government department should implement it?

Section Four: Insert your "**pork**," which is a type of *rider* or *earmark* that benefits a Congressman or Congresswoman or their state.

Section Five: **Penalty** clause—consequences of not following this law

Section Six: **Appropriations** clause—this explains which department will provide the money for your bill.

Section Seven: Enactment Clause—this explains **when your bill will take effect**. Be sure to leave enough time for government department to develop rules, enforcement mechanisms, and hire personnel.

Section Eight: Safety Clause—copy the language in the sample bill.