Topic: **Unit 3: The Legislative Branch**	Grade: 12th Grade US Government

Score 4.0	**In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught.** • Investigate the effect of gerrymandering on the apportionment of the House of Representatives

Score 3.0	**The student will understand the role and functions of the legislative branch and its relationship to the other two branches.**
	
	• Performs complex skills:
	  o Compare and contrast the organization and responsibilities of the House of Representatives and the Senate
	  o Analyze the external influences on the legislative process
	  o Compare local, state, and federal lawmakers (city/county commissioners/council members; state legislators [representatives and senators]; and U.S. congressmen/congresswomen [representatives and senators])
	  o Distinguish among ordinances, statutes, and acts on the local, state, and federal levels
	  o Compare and contrast the lawmaking process at the local, state, and federal levels
	
	The student exhibits no major errors or omissions regarding the score 3.0 content.

Score 2.0	**The student:**
	• Recognizes or recalls specific terminology:
	    apportion, bicameral, constituent, gerrymander, majority party, minority party, committees (standing, special, conference), special-interest group, filibuster, lobbyist, approval of presidential appointments, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
	
	• Performs basic skills:
	  o Identify the historical background of the Founders' rationale for a bicameral legislature
	  o Identify the organizational structure of the House of Representatives and of the Senate
	  o Examine the processes of the legislative branch (e.g., how a bill becomes a law, appointment confirmation, committee selection)
	  o Describe the responsibilities of the House of Representatives to determine the Federal budget
	  o Summarize the Senate's role to confirm presidential appointments and ratify treaties
	  o Identify Congress' role in the constitutional amendment process
	
	No major errors or omissions regarding the score 2.0 content.

Score 1.0	With help, I know some of 2.0 and 3.0.
Score 0.0	Even with help, I am unable to understand.

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