# **Legislative Unit Study Guide**

### **Note Sheets to Study:**

### 1. Legislative Branch: The House and The Senate (Blue)

- Location in the Constitution
- Names of the Legislative Branch
- What two houses means
- Primary Job/Responsibility
- Definition of Constituents
- Qualifications for Members of both houses
- House Leadership
- Representation
- Reapportionment
- Congressional Redistricting, Gerrymandering
- Atmosphere, The Rules Committee
- Senate Leadership, Characteristics
- Reelection in Senate
- Senate Atmosphere, Filibuster

### 2. Congressional Committees (Green)

- Purposes of Committees
- Kinds of Committees (Standing, Sub, Select, Joint, Conference)
- Choosing of Committee Members

## 3. Film Analysis Guide Sheet: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (Gold)

- Understand who the main characters are
- Be able to explain what Mr. Smith does in Washington

#### 4. Constitutional Powers of Congress (Pink)

- Expressed Powers: Definition and examples
- Implied Powers: Definition and examples
- Private Bill
- Public Bill
- Percent of bills that make it to law and why
- Influences on Lawmakers (Constituents, surveys, supporters, president, lobbyists, party voting)

### 5. How a Bill Becomes a Law Flow Chart (Pink)

- Be able to explain in a good paragraph, how a bill becomes a law and how it can die along the way.

### 6. Utah's Elected Officials 2010 (Buff)

- Need to know if Senator or Representative, party, and one issue for each
- Orrin Hatch Jim Matheson Mike Lee
- Jason Chaffetz Rob Bishop

#### 7. 5 Votes Down (White)

- Review the four questions you answered
- Be able to explain the influence the President has on Congressmen.