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FILM ANALYSIS GUIDE SHEET

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Directions: *As you watch the movie, fill out the answers to these questions. Your answers need to fill up the entire space and be in complete sentences in order to receive full points. You will not be able to answer some of these questions until you watch the entire show. Remember to pay attention during the movie – don't fall asleep, talk, or work on other homework. Points will be deducted if you choose to do any of those things. Good luck on this assignment!*

1. How does Jefferson Smith become a senator?
2. Compare Jefferson Smith's characteristics with the other possible appointees.
3. Use two or three words to describe Taylor and Paine.
4. What concepts does the director try to convey in the montage of monuments and music during Smith's tour of Washington?
5. Why does Smith become so angry with the press after he arrives in Washington?
6. What are the descriptions by Saunders of how a bill becomes law, and the newscaster's definition of a filibuster?
7. Is Paine's final confession realistic? What does it reveal about politicians or the nature of politics in the United States?