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Readings on Congress

Part 1: Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey Research & Questions.

Directions: Perform some basic biographical research on Congresswoman Woolsey's life and career by visiting the following website, and any other online sources you find of interest. Then, write 3 thoughtful questions for Congresswoman Woolsey.

<https://history.house.gov/People/Detail/24098>

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Part 2: The Members of Congress (pp. 279-285).

Directions: Read the appropriate section from *Magruder's American Government* and respond to these questions in the space provided, and on separate sheets of paper if necessary.

1. "... the 535 members of Congress *are not* a representative cross-section of the American people" (*Magruder's*, p. 279). Describe the personal, occupational, and political backgrounds of the members of Congress. (Consider race, age, gender, marital status, religious background, occupational experience, and other factors).

2. What are the different roles that a member of Congress plays?

3. What are the various ways in which senators and House members *represent* their constituents through voting? Describe the differences between congresswomen who act as *trustees*, *delegates*, *partisans*, and *politicos*.

4. How do congresswomen act as *servants* for their constituents?

5. What are the monetary and non-monetary benefits enjoyed by members of Congress? What is the *franking* privilege? What privileges and protections are provided Congress members under the *Speech & Debate Clause* of the U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 6)?