

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Video Guide



- 1) Who appoints a new Senator if the current Senator can no longer serve?
- 2) Who is Jim Taylor? Why does he have so much power over the governor and Sen. Paine?
- 3) Why is Jefferson Smith selected?
- 4) How many Senators is each state allotted?
- 5) Describe Senator Smith's bill.
- 6) Describe the "power of the press." What powers does it wield over Senator Smith?
- 7) Identify and list the various facets and sections of the Senate floor:
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- 8) What does it take to get a Bill through Congress (according to Saunders)?

- 9) What is Jim Taylor's interest in the "deficiency bill"?

- 10) How does Sen. Paine rationalize taking orders from Taylor?

- 11) Describe the different aspects of the "Committee on Privileges and Elections" hearings.

- 12) What was the decision of the "Committee on Privileges and Elections"?

- 13) What does it take for a Senator to speak on the floor of the Senate?

- 14) Why is Sen. Smith's filibuster cause for so much excitement? What are the rules for a filibuster?

- 15) What is a "quorum"? What is a "quorum call"? (Rule 5 Section 2 of the Senate)

- 16) Explain the protocol for "Yielding the floor".

- 17) How does Taylor counter Smith's filibuster and accusations?

- 18) If you were a constituent of Smith and Paine, whose propaganda regarding Smith would you believe? Why?