

## Congressional Committee

### Simulation Day 1

1. Work with your fellow party members or form 2 committees within your party.
2. Start by learning a bit about the war:
  - a. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Civil\\_War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War)
  - b. <http://www.history.com/topics/emancipation-proclamation/videos#civil-wars-greatest-myth>
  - c. What do you think it is meant if someone said that the war was about state's rights vs. Federal rights?
  
3. Read this short bit of info about the Civil War and Congress:
  - a. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/treasures\\_of\\_congress/text/page12\\_text.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/treasures_of_congress/text/page12_text.html)
4. You should know a little about Lincoln and his presidency before you begin.
  - a. Look at these two sites about the Emancipation Proclamation.
    - i. <http://www.history.com/topics/emancipation-proclamation/videos#gilder-lehrman-the-emancipation-proclamation>
    - ii. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emancipation\\_Proclamation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emancipation_Proclamation)
  - b. Make sure you understand what the proclamation did and didn't do for slaves. Take notes.
  - c. Now go to this site and read the Gettysburg address:
    - i. <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/gettysburg.htm>
  - d. Lincoln the movie opened with this speech. Why do you think it is significant?

Start to formulate your identity as a congressman and party member.

Go to this site:

<http://13thamendment.harpweek.com/HubPages/CommentaryPage.asp?Commentary=06Bios03>

On the left side using the biography list to find an identity for yourself. It may be more interesting if you coordinate with your group to be different congressmen. Even if you work in congress at different times in history it's ok for our purposes.

Summarize your biography here:

Find a map of the United States at this time (1861-1865 ish) that shows the states divided. Print and attach.