

Midterm Examination POLI 100B Congress

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**ALL QUESTIONS HAVE EQUAL VALUE SO BUDGET YOUR
TIME ACCORDINGLY. GOOD LUCK!**

**THE EXAM IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS
ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2009**

1. Why did the authors of the Constitution consider both the Continental Congress and the Confederation Congress abject failures?

2. Describe how a typical bill is passed in the House and Senate. What are the main hurdles in the process?

- 3. Using Barbara Sinclair (and what you can see every day on the news!), how does the Senate get its work done? That is, explain the role of the filibuster, blue slips, and holds in the operation of the current Senate.**