**Video Guide*: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington***

Before

What do you already know about how a bill becomes a law?

About how the U.S. Senate works?

During

1. Who is Jim Taylor and what is his relationship with Governor Hopper?
2. Why does the Governor appoint Jefferson Smith as the new Senator? (2-3 reasons)
3. List four words to describe Jefferson Smith.
4. Describe Mr. Smith’s first reaction to Washington D.C.
5. What is the idea Senator Smith describes to the press?
6. Why does Mr. Smith beat up the press?
7. Why does Senator Payne encourage Mr. Smith to write a bill?
8. In his bill, where does Senator Smith say the boy’s camp will be located?
9. Why does Smith’s bill upset Senator Payne?
10. Why does Susan Payne call Mr. Smith?
11. Why does Saunders quit?
12. What happens when Mr. Smith asks Senator Payne about the dam?
13. What does Jim Taylor say when Senator Payne says he does not want to cooperate?
14. What does Jim Taylor tell Senator Smith?
15. What does Mr. Smith call Jim Taylor?
16. After his discussion with Jim Taylor, what advice does Mr. Smith get from Senator Payne?
17. What accusations does Senator Payne make against Senator Smith on the Senate floor?
18. What evidence and witnesses are presented against Senator Smith at the committee hearing?
19. What does the committee’s report recommend to the Senate floor?
20. What does Smith do on the Senate floor?
21. What are the rules of a filibuster?
22. What orders does Jim Taylor give “Hendricks” over the phone?
23. Who tries to help spread Smith’s side of the story?
24. What do the telegrams wired to Congress say?
25. Describe what happens to Senators Smith and Payne at the end of the movie.

After

Make two movie posters for Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. One must focus on a positive aspect of the lawmaking process depicted in this story, and one must focus on a negative. Plan your posters below.