

## Thanksgiving micro-project: Senate Sports Cards!

*Objective:* In order to role-play your Senator effectively, you'll need to know a fair bit about them. You will be expected to make a "Senate Sports Card" modeled off of the baseball cards of old. Baseball Cards are useful because they have a lot of information in a small amount of space, but yet are easy to read and pleasing to look at. Becoming familiar with following specs will get you started on the road to writing a bill from the hand of your Senator.

**Due Date: This will be due, completed, at the beginning of class Monday upon your return from Thanksgiving break.**

### Information

#### **Front of Card:**

1. YOUR name (small)
2. Your Senator's name (prominent)
3. "United States Senate"
4. Formal picture
5. Party affiliation (Democrat, Republican, Independent, etc)
6. Party position if applicable (Majority/minority leader, assistant majority leader, majority/minority "whip," committee chairs – specify which committee, committee ranking member, etc)

#### **Back of Card:**

1. Years of experience in the Senate
2. Brief personal history (Age, previous professional and political experience)
3. Present committee positions
4. Senate/career voting record (10 important votes). Give priority to the following two issues:
  1. Climate Change – look for votes on what we've studied in class, such as Keystone XL Pipeline, cap and trade, emissions/carbon tax, EPA, regulations, etc.
  2. Immigration – again look for how they've voted on really telling issues such as the DREAM act, do they support a path to citizenship, how do they feel about Obama's executive action?
5. Brief quote by the Senator, or 1 sentence clearly explaining their political philosophy/beliefs

### Specifications:

The card must be double-sided, and be approximately 3X5 inches – roughly the size of the Walter Payton example on the back this handout. See exemplars for appropriate sizing.

The card must be able to be laminated. We will laminate the cards together Monday morning.

**It *must* be printed in color.** You must find a color printer or pay \$1 to print at a store.

**Assessment:** This assignment will be worth 15 points and count toward your Summative grade

Assessment Category	Excellent 5	Strong 4-3	Basic 2-1
Information: Do have all required info?			
Specs: Do you meet all the specs, and in on time?			
Refinement: Is this "Beautiful Work?"			