

## Decision-Making Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1. <u>Decide the issue</u></b>		<b>Term Limits for Congress</b>				
<b>3. <u>Create important information</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Constitution sets term limits for Congress.</li> <li>Representatives are elected for terms of 2 years, Senators of 6 years.</li> <li>The Constitution can be amended and has 25 amendments.</li> <li>Presidents' terms limited to two after FDR served four terms</li> <li>Lobbyists: people paid to influence lawmakers to vote in ways that benefit special interests.</li> </ul>	<b>2. <u>Enter Option A</u></b> Impose terms limits		<b>2. <u>Enter Option B</u></b> Don't impose term limits			
	<b>4. <u>Identify reasons for option A</u></b>		<b>5. <u>Set Rank</u></b> 3	<b>4. <u>Identify reasons for option B</u></b>		<b>5. <u>Set Rank</u></b> 5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special interest groups might have less power over members of Congress because they wouldn't have long working relationships with lobbyists.</li> <li>Constitution should be changed because times change. Congress members now spend more time on the job, something the founding fathers did not anticipate.</li> <li>New people needed in Washington to get fresh ideas on complex issues.</li> <li>Term limits would save money because less money would be spent on re-elections.</li> </ul>		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special interest group lobbyists might have more power due to new members' inexperience and need for donations.</li> <li>Changing term limits would mean changing to the Constitution; founding fathers did not want term limits.</li> <li>Experienced members of Congress are valuable because they provide "historical memory" for complex issues.</li> <li>Term limits for governors and presidency have not solved the problem of money being spent on campaigns.</li> </ul>		1
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<b>6. <u>Identify compromises/alternatives</u></b> I don't see any compromises to this question.						
<b>7. <u>Offer a decision</u></b> I think we should not impose term limits for Congress.						
<b>8. <u>Name reasons for the decision</u></b> Issues such as lobbying and election costs are much more complicated than term limits could solve.						

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