



Topics in Globalization/Senior Seminar  
Capitol Hill Field Trip 2010

Expectations for the Day

- Be on time to the Hill and all required appointments (attendance will be taken).
- Metro to the Hill (Capitol South on the Orange and Blue lines is the recommended stop closest to our check-in point): <http://www.wmata.com/> (Use the Metro Trip Planner on the left hand side of the website to find out which train you need to take to be on the Supreme Court steps by 8:30 am—and be sure to factor in 10 minutes of walking time from the Capitol South stop to the steps)
- Dress in professional business attire (Ladies—beware of uncomfortable heels. You will be walking **a lot**).
- Bring a photo ID.
- Each group should have at least one camera (preferably not a cell phone camera)
- Do not bring a backpack, unless absolutely necessary (or bring one for the whole group).
- Be professional at all times.
- Check the House ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)) and Senate ([www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)) websites the night before or morning of to see what committees are scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. CSPAN also has a helpful website for this: <http://www.capitolhearings.org/>
- Keep handy the emergency phone number: 202-309-5517 (Ms. Schoeplein's cell)
- Stay with your group at all times (avoid merging groups)

Schedule

*When not in a meeting, your group should be pursuing one of the "Structured Free Time" options below to fulfill the Hill Day assignment. You must stay with your group at all times. Other than lunch (which is the usual 45 minutes), you should be doing something interesting on the Hill!*

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| 8:30 a.m. | Check in with Global teachers on the steps of the Supreme Court. DO NOT BE LATE!  |
| Morning   | "Structured Free Time" (see options below)  |
| Lunch:    | <u>Options:</u> Supreme Court cafeteria, Senate Cafeteria (basement of Dirksen), House cafeteria (basement of Rayburn), Capitol Hill Visitor Center Restaurant    |
| 1:00      | <b><u>Required meeting</u></b> with Representative Gerry Connolly (D-VA) on the East steps U.S. Capitol building (House side)                                     |
| 1:50      | <b><u>Required meeting</u></b> with Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) on the East steps of the U.S. Capitol building (Senate side)                                       |
| 2:30      | <b><u>Required meeting</u></b> with Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) on the East steps of the U.S. Capitol building (Senate side)  |
| ~3:30 pm  | Day on the Hill ends; each group should call to check out your teacher: Ms. Schoeplein (202.309.5517), Ms. Colglazier (703.628.2348), Ms. MacLean (703.509.6223). |

## “Structured Free Time” Options:

- Attend a **committee meeting** in a House or Senate office building (You do not need to attend the entire meeting or be there when it starts to get in---just slip in and out quietly. Also, some meetings have lines to get in.)
- Visit the **office of a member of Congress** ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) ).  
Representatives: Connolly (327 Cannon House Office Building), Wolf (241 Cannon Building), Moran (2239 Rayburn Building); Senators: Webb (248 Russell Senate Office Building) and Warner (459A Russell Senate Office Building). **To see the House and Senate in session you will need to visit one of these offices and request a gallery pass.** Note: If you’re hoping to meet with a staffer in one of these offices, you will be best received for a “drop in visit” if you prepare in advance who you’d like to visit and what you’d like to ask. For example: visit the office of your future college town’s member of Congress and find out how you can get involved in campaigns, internships, Young Democrat/Republican clubs; visit the office of a member who works on an issue that is important to you or someone you represented in Model Congress).
- Check out the new **Capitol Hill Visitor Center** (just opened a little over a year ago). Inside you’ll find several exhibits about Congress—both historical and contemporary. Building hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Tours are conducted from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.)
- Visit the **Supreme Court** visitor center (John Marshall exhibit, video on the Court, court room lectures on the hour and half hour between 9:30 and 3:30); Building is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You now enter the building through one of the two doors located to the side of the main steps.
- Visit the **Library of Congress Jefferson Building** (exhibits include: American Treasures of the Library, Exploring Early America, Thomas Jefferson’s Library, and Creating the United States). Building Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You enter the building through one of the two doors located to the side of the main steps.
- Pick up a bill in the **Senate Document Room** (take the elevators to the basement of the Hart building, follow the signs to the room, open the door and take any bills on the table labeled “Close Up Students” OR ask a staff member for a copy of a specific bill).
- See the Alexander Calder Sculpture “Mountains + Clouds” in the atrium of the Hart Building.
- Missing English class? Drop into the **Folger Shakespeare Library** for a few minutes to look at a First Folio and the replica Globe Theatre stage (see map). Building Hours are 10am-5pm.

## The Written Assignment: “Our Day on the Hill” Scrapbook

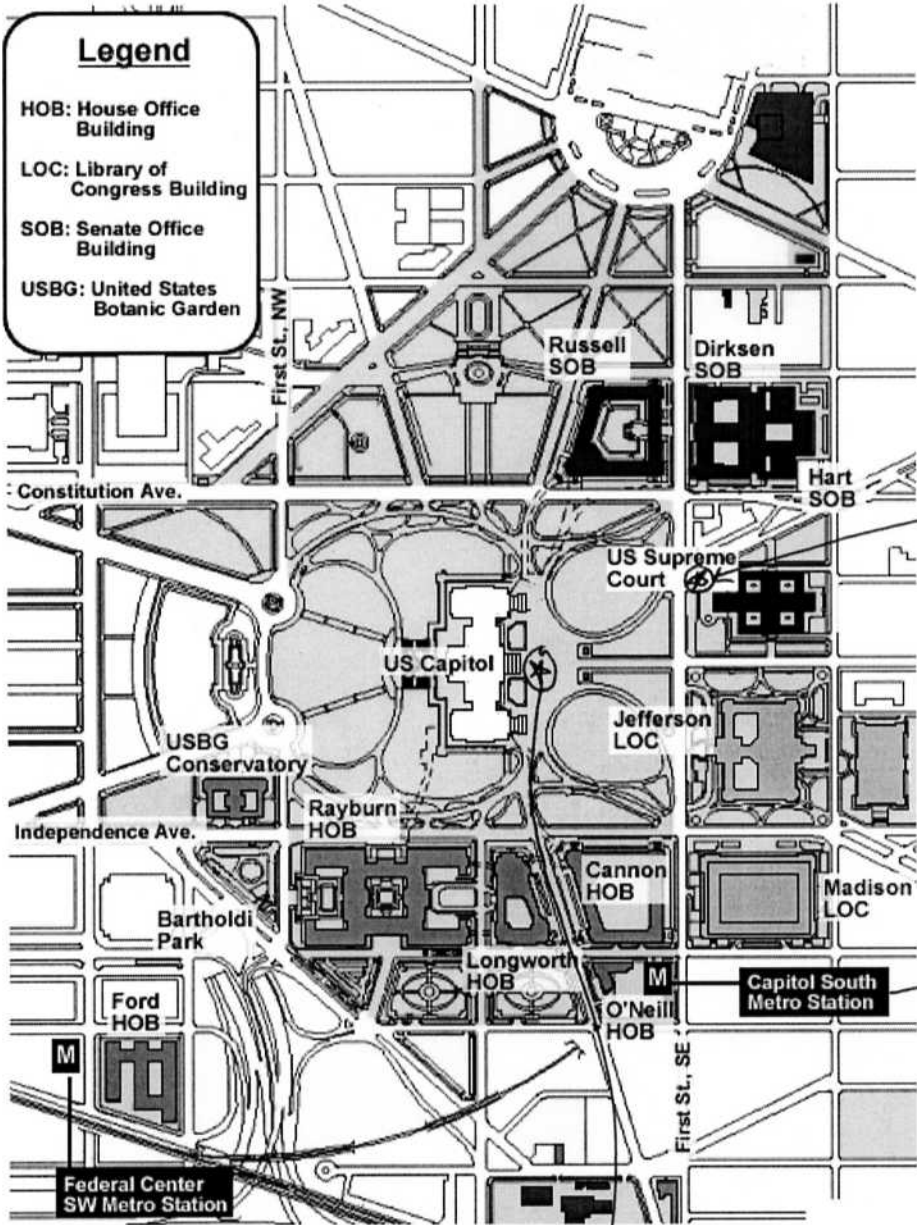
Each group must create a scrapbook of their day on the Hill.

### Required components:

- An itinerary detailing how you spent your day with a paragraph description for each destination stop. Someone needs to keep a log – remember the president has a secretary noting what he does every 15 minutes. You don’t need that kind of detail but do give a fairly detailed accounting of your hours.
- What happened at your stops? What did you learn? What were some observations you could make on the people, their behavior, the overall atmosphere of the Capitol?
- A souvenir and/or photograph for each destination stop.

### Scrapbook Due Date:

Thursday, May 27 (Blue Day) or Friday, May 28 (Red Day) to your **Government Teacher**



front steps of Supreme Court  
meeting place  
at 8:30am  
sharp!

★ Metro stop  
TJ students  
will use

afternoon  
appointments