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The Senate: Shaping Laws for Our Nation

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary function of the Senate in the legislative process?
 - a) To pass bills that become federal laws
 - b) To review and confirm presidential appointments
 - c) To conduct impeachment trials
 - d) To oversee state governments

2. How does the Senate ensure equal representation for each state?
 - a) By electing Senators from only the largest states
 - b) By assigning more Senators to states with larger populations
 - c) By having two Senators for each state, regardless of its size
 - d) By allowing the President to appoint Senators

3. What role do committees and subcommittees in the Senate play in the legislative process?
 - a) They confirm presidential appointments.
 - b) They hold impeachment trials.
 - c) They review bills, hold hearings, and propose amendments.
 - d) They negotiate international treaties.

4. How are treaties with foreign nations ratified in the United States?
 - a) By a majority vote in the House of Representatives
 - b) By the President's signature alone
 - c) By a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate
 - d) By a popular vote of the American people

5. What is the significance of the Senate's role in confirming presidential appointments?
 - a) It ensures that appointments are made solely by the President.
 - b) It provides a system of checks and balances in government.
 - c) It grants the Senate the power to appoint federal judges.
 - d) It allows the President to bypass Senate confirmation.

