
2012 GHP | SOCIAL STUDIES | SIMULATION TOPICS

Congratulations on being selected by your system for the GHP statewide interviews in social studies. The interview process will be divided into two parts:

- a group simulation (begins at the assigned interview time; please arrive in time to assemble)
- an individual interview (after the group simulation)

The group simulation presents the scenario of a U.S. Senate committee meeting. You will be randomly assigned a party affiliation (Republican, Democratic, or Independent) and a state.

One of the following four topics will be announced at the beginning of the simulation, and you should be prepared to discuss the topic from the viewpoint of your assigned role.

TOPICS:

1. Constitutional amendment requiring reconfirmation of all federal judges (including Supreme Court Justices) every six years.
2. Constitutional amendment requiring each state to allocate electoral college votes by Congressional District winners, plus two votes to statewide winners.
3. Constitutional amendment requiring a three-fourths vote of each house of Congress for passage of any bill that would require federal deficit spending.
4. Constitutional amendment that would establish English as the official language of the United States.

Research all four topics from all sides of the issue. You will not use notes or cards in the simulation.