**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**

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1. Who died at the start of the movie?
2. Who is Joseph Paine?
3. Who is Jim Taylor?
4. Who is the initial choice for senator? How does the press respond?
5. How does the governor decide who will be senator?
6. What is the relationship between Jefferson Smith and Senator Paine?
7. How does Mr. Smith react to Washington?
8. Contrast the reaction of Mr. Smith to seeing the capital with the reaction of those with him.
9. Why is Mr. Smith REALLY in Washington? What is he SUPPOSED to do?
10. How does Saunders feel about Mr. Smith initially? Predict what will happen later.
11. Why does Mr. Smith go around punching reporters in the mouth?
12. What do reporters tell him at the press club?
13. How did Mr. Smith feel about his position at the start of the movie? How does he feel about it after the press club?
14. How long does Mr. Smith’s filibuster last?
15. What media is used in the movie to tell people what is going on?
16. What is the “Jim Taylor Machine?”
17. At the end, why does Senator Paine confess?
18. Contrast Mr. Smith view of democracy at the beginning of the movie with the reality of democracy toward the end.

Thought Questions—answer these questions completely—complete sentences, complete thoughts.

1. List and explain three (3) ways society and politics in 1939, as depicted in this film, are different from society and politics today. Be specific.
2. List and explain three (3) ways society and politics today are similar to that in 1939, as depicted in the film. Be specific.
3. Describe the overall message about politics and government this film left you with. Explain why you formed this impression.