



What Is the Filibuster? - Quiz

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Q1. What is a filibuster?

- A. A procedural strategy to block votes in the Senate
- B. A type of pirate ship
- C. A ceremonial event in the House of Representatives
- D. A voting method used in elections

Q2. Where does the term 'filibuster' originate from?

- A. A Spanish word meaning 'pirate'
- B. A Latin word meaning 'to delay'
- C. An Old English word meaning 'to argue'
- D. A French word meaning 'to obstruct'

Q3. How can the Senate end a filibuster?

- A. By voting to invoke cloture
- B. By electing a new Senate leader
- C. By passing a new law
- D. By holding a public referendum

Q4. How many votes are required to invoke cloture in the Senate?

- A. 60 votes
- B. 51 votes
- C. 67 votes
- D. 75 votes

Q5. Who holds the record for the longest single filibuster in Senate history?

- A. Strom Thurmond
- B. John C. Calhoun
- C. Robert La Follette Sr.
- D. Henry Brady

Q6. What was Strom Thurmond filibustering in 1957?

- A. The Civil Rights Act
- B. A national bank bill
- C. A currency bill
- D. A tax reform bill

Q7. Which senator filibustered the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill?

- A. Robert La Follette Sr.
- B. Strom Thurmond
- C. John C. Calhoun
- D. Henry Brady

Q8. What is one argument in favor of the filibuster?

- A. It protects political minorities from majoritarian rule
- B. It speeds up the legislative process
- C. It ensures all bills get a vote
- D. It reduces partisan conflict

Q9. What is one argument against the filibuster?

- A. It is anti-democratic and frustrates the majority's will
- B. It is too easy to invoke
- C. It only benefits urban states
- D. It is not mentioned in the Constitution

Q10. When was the filibuster first used in the Senate?

- A. 1841
- B. 1917
- C. 1925
- D. 1957

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A