

All In a Day's Work

Name: _____

A. I've Got the Power! Match each responsibility of the president and vice president with the correct power or duty found in the Constitution.



President's Responsibilities

- 1) ____ Lead weekly meetings where I ask the leaders of executive branch departments for advice on how to handle the country's most difficult problems.
- 2) ____ Go to Congress and give my yearly "State of the Union" speech on what's happening in America.
- 3) ____ Decide whether to approve or reject a bill that Congress has sent me.
- 4) ____ Follow the Constitution and the law even if I disagree with it.
- 5) ____ Decide whether to send more troops into war knowing that some will die, but it will keep the country safe.
- 6) ____ Make sure the Department of Homeland Security properly carries out new airport safety laws that will anger some travelers.
- 7) ____ Hold a press conference where I ask Congress to spend more money on space exploration.
- 8) ____ Decide whether to let someone out of prison based on the prisoner's good conduct and particular circumstances.
- 9) ____ Negotiate an agreement with another country that would lower the taxes each one adds to the sale of items from the other country.
- 10) ____ Choose a new Supreme Court justice to replace one who is retiring.

Vice President's Responsibilities

- 11) ____ Take over as president if I'm needed.
- 12) ____ Act as leader of the Senate.
- 13) ____ Cast a tiebreaking vote in the Senate.
- 14) ____ Work with the president to run the executive branch.

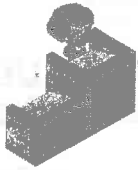
Powers & Duties Listed in the Constitution:

- A. Power to carry out the laws
- B. Must protect and defend the Constitution
- C. Commander in Chief of the military
- D. Elected with the president to hold office in the executive branch
- E. May ask advisors, who lead parts of the government, for their opinion on different issues
- F. Is the president of the Senate
- G. Pardon someone for a crime, canceling their punishment
- H. Make treaties with other countries (with Senate approval)
- I. Take office as president if the current president dies, resigns, or is unable to do the job
- J. Choose new Supreme Court justices (with Senate approval)
- K. Make recommendations to Congress about what laws are needed
- L. Update Congress on how things are going in the country
- M. Sign (approve) or veto (reject) bills from Congress
- N. Can vote in the Senate if the senators are equally divided on a vote

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B. So Many Laws, So Little Time! The executive branch is in charge of carrying out thousands of laws, but the President doesn't do this alone. Departments inside the executive branch are responsible for carrying out certain kinds of laws. Complete the table by matching each executive department to its function. Use the word/picture bank for help.



Justice



Education



Treasury



Defense



Health and Human Services



Homeland Security



Agriculture



Transportation

	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	FUNCTION
1		Works to protect the country against terrorism and make sure the borders are safe.
2		Makes coins and paper money, tries to help the economy, and collects taxes.
3		Keeps the United States safe using the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and other military resources.
4		Enforces federal laws, prevents crime, and punishes those convicted of federal crimes.
5		Supports farmers, makes sure our food is safe, and gives recommendations about good nutrition.
6		Works to protect the health of all Americans and offers medical and other basic services to people in need.
7		Builds and maintains federal highways and railroads, makes rules for air travel, and promotes transportation safety.
8		Provides funding to public schools and helps students pay for college.

C. Crossword! Complete the puzzle using information from the lesson.

Across

- Name of the current president
- Length of a presidential term, in years
- Word that refers to the sequence of who will become president if something happens

Down

- Political party of the current president and vice president
- Name of the current vice president
- Number of times a president can be elected

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following numbered starting points:

- 1**: Top-left corner.
- 2**: Second row, second column.
- 3**: Top-right corner.
- 4**: Middle-left side.
- 5**: Middle-right side.
- 6**: Bottom-left side.

A circular seal of the Executive Branch is located to the right of the grid.