

Unit 4 Study Guide- The Executive Branch

1. Which article of the U.S. Constitution discusses the Executive Branch?
2. What are the formal qualifications to be the VP or president?
3. What are the informal/ unwritten qualifications to be the VP or president?
4. Which amendment limits the president to two terms?
5. What is the term of office for the president?
6. What is the maximum number of years a president can serve? How is this possible with the term of office being what it is?
7. Which amendment established the line of succession for the presidency?
8. How can a president or VP be removed from office?
9. Which presidents have been impeached and which one resigned prior to impeachment?
10. What is the line of succession for the presidency?
11. Once the line of succession reaches the cabinets, how are the cabinets organized from first to last?
12. How did the election of 1800 change our election practices? (What amendment was created to change the practice/ policies?)
13. How are electoral votes designated for each state? How many electoral votes does Georgia have?
14. How many electoral college votes are needed to win?
15. What type of system is the Electoral College?
16. How many total elector votes are there?
17. How many does a candidate need to win the election?
18. What states are the exception to the system?
19. Who are electors and when do they vote?
20. What are the pros and cons of the Electoral College system (critics/ supporters notes)?
21. In the event of a tie, which chamber of Congress is responsible for selecting the next president?
22. What organization helped promote young adults to vote?
23. What was the purpose of the 20th Amendment?
24. When does the presidential inauguration take place?
25. Who administers the presidential oath of office?
26. Who must approve presidential appointments and nominations for cabinet posts, federal judge posts, ambassadors, etc.?
27. Identify the original cabinets under Washington.
28. Which cabinets make up the “inner cabinet?”
29. Why is the inner cabinet so influential?
30. Which independent agency assists students with disabilities?
31. What independent agencies grew out of the Cold War?
32. What agency handles social security?
33. What is the OMB and what is its purpose?
34. How does the National Security Council assist the president in foreign affairs?
35. Does the president need Senate approval for White House staff?
36. What are the two top positions of the White House staff?
37. What is an executive privilege?
38. What court case ruled that executive privilege is constitutionally based?
39. In what ways can a president use the military for foreign policy?
40. What is the difference between a reprieve, a pardon, and amnesty?
41. Define mandate.
42. How are the president’s powers limited?

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- 43. What presidential powers are shared with Congress?
- 44. What tools does a president have to influence legislation?
- 45. What are the pros and cons of a regulatory commission?
- 46. What is the spoils system, and which president started it?
- 47. What act established the civil service system? What is it based on?
- 48. What was the purpose of the Hatch Act?
- 49. Who is not included in the “iron triangle” and what is the main complaint against it?
- 50. What are the roles of the president? (Be able to match the role with the examples of that role.)
- 51. What are the roles of the VP?
- 52. How does the War Powers Act limit the president?
- 53. What are the three worldviews on foreign policy?
- 54. What are the three tools in foreign policy?
- 55. How does the President and Congress work together in matters of foreign policy?
- 56. What is the “4th Branch” of our government?
- 57. Which president is the only one to have ever received a unanimous vote in the Electoral College?
- 58. Which president was known as the “Great Communicator?”
- 59. Which president was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize seven times, and eventually won it in 2002?
- 60. Which president served the most terms of office and had the most executive orders?
- ❖ Identify ALL amendments that deal with elections and voting rights. There are a few, so know them all for the Unit 4 Test. ***And when I say identify, I mean write each amendment down and what it does to impact elections or voting rights.***
- ❖ Example:
 - 12th Amendment- It changed the presidential election procedures by having the president and VP elected together instead of the VP being the runner up in the election. (They were now from the same political party as well.)
 - _____ Amendment:

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 - 20th Amendment- Changed the date on which the terms of the president and VP (moved from March to January 20th at noon) and members of Congress (moved from March to January 3rd at noon) end and begin.
 - _____ Amendment:

 - _____ Amendment:

 - 26th Amendment- Gave 18-year-olds the right to vote in elections.