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**Vice-President & the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady**



## **As a Young Political Scientist, I will be able to...**

- **Analyze the functions of the executive branch of government in terms of the formal duties the Constitution assigns to the Vice President.**
- **Describe how the role of the Vice President has changed over time.**
- **Explain the part played by First Ladies throughout the nation's history.**

# **Vice Presidency**

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**The Vice President only has two duties outlined in the Constitution**

**1. The President will preside over the Senate.**

**2. To decide them to decide the question of presidential disability.**

**Otherwise the Vice-President is a “President in waiting.”**

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# **Powers**

**Vice President will be chosen to help “balance the ticket” as a running mate to strengthen their chances to win.**

**The President will give the Vice President various powers to help the Federal Government function**

**The President used to have to nominate a replacement until the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment**



# The First Lady

**First Lady-** The official title for the President's wife or the White House hostess

**They have no real power in executive branch, but will provide advice & perform ceremonies**

**The first ladies will often bring attention to major issues & advocate for public works**

**Eleanor Roosevelt** transformed the role to become more openly involved in political issues.