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## **The Presidency-An Overview**



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

- Describe the President's many roles.
- Understand the formal qualifications necessary to become President.
- Explain how the number of terms for which a President may serve has changed over time and the roles played by Presidents George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt in that evolution.
- Describe the President's pay and benefits and how the role played by Congress in the setting of those compensations contributes to the system of checks and balances.
- Understand the structure of presidential succession created by the U.S. Constitution.
- Understand the constitutional provisions relating to presidential disability.

# Presidents Role for Executive Branch

**Chief of State-** Ceremonial head of the government of the United States

**\*Many countries the Chief of State does not rule, such as the Queen of England**

**Chief Executive-** The President is in charge of the executive branch & “executes” rules.

**Chief Administrator-** Directs the many offices of the executive branch

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# Policies

**Chief Diplomat-** Serves as the main architect of foreign policy for the United States.

**Domestic Affairs-** Policies that affect the United States & it's territories

**Foreign Affairs-** Policies that affect the U.S. relations with other parts of the world.

**Chief Legislator-** Serves as the nations author of its public policies & sets the shape of Congressional agenda



# Powers in Office

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**Commander in Chief-** President oversees the nations armed forces

**Chief Economist-** The president is expected to watch the nation's economy & to take action when needed

**Chief of Party-** The acknowledged leader of the political party that controls the executive branch.

**Chief Citizen-** President is expected to be the “representative of all the people”

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# Qualifications for the Presidency

**Citizenship-** The president must be a natural born citizen of the United States

**\*\*\*If you are born to American citizens overseas, does that qualify you? Opinions?**

**The person who runs must be at least the age of 35 years**

**Youngest elected- John F. Kennedy at 43 & Teddy Roosevelt succeeded to office at 42**

**Residency-** The person holding office must have lived in the United States for 14 years as a resident.

# Presidential Terms

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**Alexander Hamilton** suggested that 4 years is a long enough period for a term for President

**George Washington** set the standard for serving only 2 terms, not limited.

After **Franklin D. Roosevelt** was elected a third term, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment limited terms.



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# Succession & Disability

**Presidential Succession-** Scheme by which a presidential vacancy is filled.

**Impeachment-** The process to try & remove a President

**President Succession Act of 1947-** The order of who takes power if the President leaves office

The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment gives rules to fix a **disability gap-** when a President can't perform in office due to a disability



# **Transfer of Powers**

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**A President can transfer powers for a limited time such as for a surgery**

**When a president leaves office, it is up to him to orchestrate a peaceful transfer of power**