Presidency 1

## Key Vocabulary:

Divided Government - Governance divided between the parties, especially when one holds the presidency and the other controls Congress.

Formal Powers – Powers literally dictated in the constitution.

Implied Powers – Interpreted powers granted by precedent or judicial ruling or lack of challenge.

## Abstract:

The framers wanted a presidency strong enough to match Congress, yet not so strong it would overpower Congress. They combined the head of a nation with the chief executive of government. The term of office would be four years, and presidents would be indefinitely eligible to succeed themselves (until the 22nd amendment, which limited to 2 terms). A president’s major appointments would have to be approved by the senate; Congress could override the chief executives veto by a 2/3 vote of each chamber, and the president could ratify treaties only with the advice and consent of 2/3 of the senate. Money appropriations would issued by Congress, not the president. The President can issue executive orders, which direct executive officers or clarify and further existing laws. The President tends to have more power in situations are time sensitive. Americans want presidents they can trust, individuals who will have a basic respect for others as well as a commitment to serve the public interest.

## Necessities:

The responsibilities of the president include:

* To serve as the chief executive of the Federal bureaucracy
* To nominate an appointee officials
* To implement and enforce laws
* To veto unwise bills
* To negotiate treaties
* To recognize foreign nations
* To serve as commander in chief
* To serve as chief of state
* To pardon or grant clemency (except in cases of impeachment)
* To propose an annual budget
* To develop policies that promote peace and prosperity

The president plays a central role as a nation’s policy maker, party leader, chief administrator, and morale builder.

## For Further information:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/our-government/executive-branch>

Text book pages 273-286.