

**Unit 5: The Presidency**  
**Day 1: Presidency Intro**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I: Formal Requirements**

Look at Article II. What are the FORMAL requirements for president found in the Constitution?

**Part II: Informal Requirements**

Looking at the last 44 Presidents, what are some informal requirements for the Presidency?  
(Common characteristics of past Presidents)

**Part III: Advantages of Being President**

As a group, brainstorm as many “perks” or advantages of being President as you can.

**Part IV: Disadvantages of Being President**

As a group, brainstorm as many disadvantages of being President as you can.

**Part V: Roles of the President**

- Chief of state
- Chief executive
- Chief diplomat
- Commander in chief
- Chief legislator
- Chief of party
- Chief guardian of the economy
- Chief citizen

**Fill in the Blank**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrates with the nation, mourns with nation, comforts the nation. Bush after 9-11 or Obama after Hurricane Sandy
  
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Leader of either the Democrats or the Republicans. President the obvious leader of his or her party.
  
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Executes the laws and directs the Federal Bureaucracy. President ensures laws are “faithfully executed.”
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Main architect of US Foreign Policy. President negotiates treaties but Senate must approve.
  
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Symbol of the United States both at home an abroad. Throwing out a pitch at baseball game, visiting other countries.
  
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Presenting policy ideas to Congress like in State of the Union Address. President can sign bills passed by Congress into law or veto them.
  
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ Directs the military. In the United States we enjoy civilian control of the armed forces. President shares war powers with Congress.
  
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ Helps to make sure the economy runs smoothly.

**WRAP-UP – THE PATCHWORK QUILT OF THE PRESIDENCY (FABRIC OF AMERICA)**

Each group will be assigned one role of the Presidency. You will create a quilt square that symbolizes the President in that particular role. Ultimately your quilt square will be stitched together with the squares of your peers to create a patchwork quilt.