

(5.1) - Overview of the Presidency

U.S. Government and Politics

Essential question for this unit

- *What makes a good leader?*

Executive Branch - Article 2

- **Formal qualifications (Article II, Section 1, Clause 5)**

- 35 years old
- natural born citizen
- 14 years a resident within the United States

- **Term of office**

- 4 years
- 2 term limit (22nd Amendment)

- **Presidential succession**

- Article II, section 1, clause 6
- 25th Amendment
- VP, Speaker of House, Pro tempore, Cabinet positions

The Line of Succession

1	Vice President	10	Secretary of Commerce
2	Speaker of the House	11	Secretary of Labor
3	President pro tempore of the Senate	12	Secretary of Health and Human Services
4	Secretary of State	13	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
5	Secretary of the Treasury	14	Secretary of Transportation
6	Secretary of Defense	15	Secretary of Energy
7	Attorney General	16	Secretary of Education
8	Secretary of the Interior	17	Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9	Secretary of Agriculture	18	Secretary of Homeland Security

By tradition, one of the people in the line of succession does not attend the President's State of the Union address with the others. Why do you think this is done?

President's Roles

* **First SIX roles all come directly from the Constitution**

1) **Chief of State**

- *symbol of the nation*

2) **Chief Executive**

- *executive power of the U.S in domestic and foreign affairs*

3) **Chief Administrator**

- *directs administration that employs approx 2.7 million civilians*

President's Roles continued

4) **Chief Diplomat**

- *main architect of American foreign policy - spokesperson to the rest of the world*

5) **Chief Legislator**

- *principal author of public policies*

6) **Commander in Chief**

- *head of the nation's armed forces*

President's Roles continued

** The President fulfills other vital roles as well*

7) **Chief Economist**

- *management of nation's economy and America's trade relationships*

8) **Chief of Party**

- *acknowledged leader of the political party controlling the executive branch*

9) **Chief Citizen**

- *representative of all the people, public interest, & moral leadership*

A Review of Presidential Roles

- Helps to explain the expectations of the President.
- Remember they must juggle all these roles simultaneously.
- Presidential power has grown, thus so have the number of roles.
- How they perform one role can impact another.

Conclusions / Takeaways

- Quick write and report out:
 - Summarize 4 of the major roles the president will take - make sure to use specifics!