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Anotace: The worksheets can be used when learning about the political system of the United States. The material examines the functions of the US Presidency and offers possibility for discussion as well. The worksheet revises information required in English Department curriculum and Social Studies. Questions focus on listening comprehension, speaking skills, and formulating personal opinions.

USA Political System – Executive Branch



I. Based on information provided in lectures, be prepared to answer and discuss the following questions about the **Executive Branch** of the US government.

1. What does the position of commander-in-chief of the armed forces mean?
2. Explain the differences in the functions of Chief Executive and Head of State?
3. How is the President's cabinet selected and approved?
4. In your opinion, when should a President use his power of pardon?
5. How long may a US president serve in office? In your opinion, is this too long, too short, or about right? Why?
6. What is the age requirement for someone to be elected president? Why is there an age requirement, and do you agree with this particular age? Is it too old or young, in your opinion?
7. By US law, a president must have been born in the US. Why do you think this law was written? Do you agree with it?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a strong Presidency/Executive?
9. What is a presidential veto and how does it work in the US? Is this a good idea?

Key words and phrases: executive, pardon, residency requirements, commander-in-chief, appoint, veto

Powers of the President of the United States

Head of State

Represents the Nation at home and abroad

Head of Government

The President is responsible for the execution and enforcement of the laws created by Congress.

The President has the power either to sign legislation into law or to veto bills enacted by Congress, although Congress may override a veto with a two-thirds vote of both houses.

The President conducts diplomacy with other nations.

The President has power to extend pardons and clemencies for **federal** crimes.

Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces

Qualifications

The Constitution lists just three:

Must be at least 35 years of age

Must be a natural born citizen

Must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years



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http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fa/Seal_of_the_President_of_the_United_States_of_America.svg/600px-Seal_of_the_President_of_the_United_States_of_America.svg.png

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