

Guided Reading Activity

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The Presidency

Lesson 2 *Head of State and Chief Executive*

Review Questions

Directions: Locate each heading below in your text. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. Head of State

A. What is the overall task of the president as head of state?

B. What are three specific tasks the president must perform as head of state?

II. Chief Executive

A. What is the overall task of the president as chief executive?

B. What does it mean to “faithfully execute” the laws?

C. What officials does the president appoint?

D. How does the Senate limit the president’s power to appoint?

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E. What are executive orders and what limits a president's use of them?

F. How did President Nixon's use of the power to impound funds lead to limits on that power?

G. Why would a person being punished for a federal crime prefer a pardon to a reprieve?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How does the president's power as chief executive provide the opportunity to shape implementation of laws passed by Congress and to affect court decisions for years to come?
