

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The activities in this unit are designed to help your students understand the Executive Branch of the federal government. Each activity can be used independently so you may choose those which fit your lesson plans and time schedule as well as your students' interests and abilities.

Activities

Type of Skills Used in the Activities

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Reading Research Writing Design Reasoning

Group 1: Structure and Duties

Organizational Chart.....	x	x			x	1
Presidential Powers	x	x			x	2
The Vice-President.....	x	x	x	x	x	3-5
The State Department.....	x	x			x	6
The Treasury Department.....	x	x			x	7
The Defense Department.....	x	x			x	8
The Justice Department.....	x	x			x	9
The Capital Gazette.....	x	x			x	10

Group 2: What Would You Do?

The Campaign Issues.....	x		x		x	11
Campaign speech	x		x		x	12
Campaign Posters	x		x	x	x	13
Serving The Nation.....	x	x	x		x	14
War In Kashmir	x		x		x	15
Protecting The President.....	x		x		x	16
New Currency.....	x			x	x	17
War With Iran	x		x		x	18

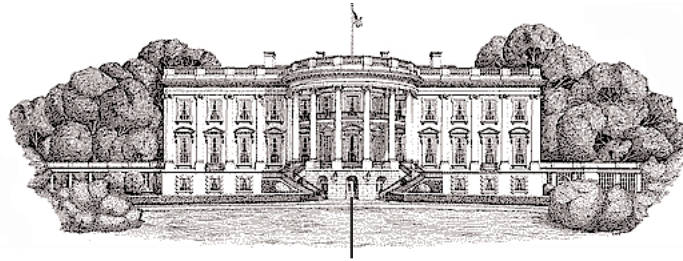
Group 3: President Gillardo's Administration

Presidential Appointments.....	x	x	x		x	19
The Federal Budget	x	x	x		x	20
Fair Labor Practices Board	x	x	x		x	21
Relations With The Philippines	x	x	x		x	22
The Council of Economic Advisors	x	x	x		x	23
Advice and Consent.....	x	x	x		x	24
Chromotite.....	x	x	x		x	25
Legislative Initiatives	x	x	x		x	26
Constitutional Amendment	x	x	x		x	27
War!.....	x	x	x		x	28
Presidential Succession	x	x	x		x	29

Group 4: Trivia Challenge

Gameboards and Instructions.....						30-31
Number Cards.....						32
Question Cards.....	x				x	33-42

Complete the following diagram of the Executive Branch by entering the proper name in each space. Not all Executive Branch agencies, office, etc. are included.



The Executive Office of the President

1. _____ 4. _____
 2. _____ 5. _____
 3. _____ 6. _____

Vice-President

Dept. of _____	Dept. of _____	Dept. of _____	Dept. of _____	Dept. of _____
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Independent Executive Agencies

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Independent Regulatory Agencies

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Government Corporations

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Agriculture
 Amtrak
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Commerce
 Council of Economic Advisors
 Defense
 Education
 Energy
 Environmental Protection Agency
 FDIC
 Federal Election Commission

Federal Trade Commission
 General Services Administration
 Health and Human Services
 Homeland Security
 Housing and Urban Development
 Interior
 Justice
 Labor
 NASA
 National Labor Relations Board
 National Security Council

Office of Management and Budget
 Office of Personnel Management
 Office of the U. S. Trade Rep.
 Postal Service
 SEC
 State
 Tennessee Valley Authority
 Transportation
 Treasury
 Veteran's Affairs
 White House Office

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1. Place an X through each headline that would not be true of the Executive Branch.

<p>14th Executive Department</p> <p>The Department of Homeland Security is the newest executive department</p>	<p>CIA Director Fired</p> <p>The President has fired the CIA Director noting several intelligence failures on the part of the Independent Executive Agency</p>	<p>President-Elect Selects James Gebhardt As His Chief of Staff</p> <p>Confirmation hearings will begin in the Senate next week. The new administration expects little opposition to Mr. Gebhardt's confirmation.</p>	
<p>Postal Service Issues Own Stamp</p> <p>The U. S. Postal Service has issued a stamp commemorating the year it became the first government corporation. The stamp includes a Norman Rockwell painting of a postman with the year 1933.</p>	<p>The President Creates New Independent Regulatory Agency Within The Department of Energy.</p>	<p>President Clark Dead at Age 64</p> <p>The President died of an apparent heart attack last night in the White House. Vice-President Phillips took the oath of office within hours of the President's death and will appoint a new Vice-President as required by the 25th Amendment. Both houses of Congress are expected to confirm his choice without opposition.</p>	
<p>Secretary of Labor Raises the Minimum Wage</p> <p>The Secretary of Labor has announced that she will increase the minimum wage by \$1.00 an hour to offset increases in the cost of living.</p>	<p>Sunset Amendment Ratified</p> <p>24th Amendment requires sunset legislation for every federal agency</p>	<p>Vice-President Resigns Following Long Illness.</p> <p>Presidential nominee expected to be easily confirmed by both houses.</p>	<p>President Seeks 3rd Elected Term</p> <p>"I feel these difficult times require me to run again, just as FDR saw the need in 1940 and 1944."</p>
<p>Vice-President Breaks Tie</p> <p>Serving in his role as President of the Senate, The Vice-President yesterday broke a 50-50 tie with his 'yes' vote on legislation to increase funding to AMTRAK.</p>	<p>War With Iran</p> <p>Following the invasion of Iraq and Kuwait by Iranian forces, the President has invoked his power as commander-in-chief of our armed forces to declare war on Iran.</p>		<p>National Security Council Meets</p> <p>Following a number of terrorist attacks throughout the world, the President called an emergency meeting of the NSC. In attendance were the Vice-President, the Secretaries of State, Defense and Homeland Security, the Director of the CIA, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the President's National Security Adviser.</p>

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President-Elect David Gillardo served as Vice-President for eight years in the Albert Burch administration.

He must decide who to appoint to key positions within his administration. However, as the incumbent Vice-President, the process will be much simpler than it would be for a Washington outsider. His first choice was to name Cheryl Cortez as his Chief of Staff to run the West Wing - The White House Office.

Read each statement and decide if it could be true or not and then explain why or why not.

- 1. The President-Elect has also decided to create a smooth transition by retaining most of the executive department secretaries who are now serving under President Burch. Of the eighteen executive departments that have existed since the Department of Homeland Security was created during the Clinton administration, He has decided to replace only the Secretaries of Defense, Labor, and Treasury and the Attorney General.

Could this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- 2. On Thursday afternoon, Cheryl and several other advisors met with the President Elect to decide on a number of high-level appointments. These included the top positions within the Executive Office of the President, the directors of the various Independent Executive Agencies, several ambassadors, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Could this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- 3. One reason President-Elect Gillardo has decided to retain many of the appointees from the Burch Administration is the increasingly slow confirmation process that takes place within the House of Representatives. It can literally takes months for key appointees to finally be approved by the House. In response, recent Presidents have made use of 'acting' appointments which allow appointees to do their jobs will waiting for House confirmation.

Could this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____