

AP United States Government
Chapter 12 Study Guide – The President

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Vocabulary: On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Chief executive | 10. State of the Union | 19. Executive privilege |
| 2. Twenty-second Amendment | 11. Veto | 20. Impeachment |
| 3. Signing statements | 12. Pocket veto | 21. Cabinet |
| 4. Pardons | 13. Line-item veto | 22. White House Office |
| 5. Commander-in-chief | 14. Statutory powers | 23. Chief of Staff |
| 6. War Powers Resolution | 15. Inherent powers | 24. Office of Management and Budget |
| 7. Advice and consent | 16. Patronage | 25. National Security Council |
| 8. Diplomatic recognition | 17. Emergency powers | 26. Twenty-fifth Amendment |
| 9. Executive agreement | 18. Executive order | |

Questions: Complete the following as you read chapter 12 in your textbook.

1. Read the *What If?* section on page 419. Do you believe executive privilege is a necessary presidential power?
2. What are the formal (constitutional) requirements to become President?
3. How does the Electoral College work, and what happens if there is no winner?
4. How did the Twelfth Amendment help to clarify the Presidential election process?
5. Explain the President's role as Head of State.
6. What effect does the role of head of state have on Presidential reelection?
7. Explain the President's role as Chief Executive.

8. What is the controversy over the use of signing statements?

9. Describe the President's powers of appointment and removal.

10. What role do other branches of government play in the process of appointment and removal?

11. Explain the President's power to grant reprieves and pardons.

12. Describe the power of the President as Commander-in-Chief.

13. How do the President's war powers conflict with those of Congress?

14. What is the War Powers Resolution, and what have been its effects?

15. What is the power of diplomatic recognition?

16. How do the executive and legislative branches work together (or not) in making treaties?

17. Why have many recent Presidents preferred executive agreements over treaties?

18. Describe the President's role in the legislative process.

19. How can the President influence congressional action?

20. Describe the four ways the President can act on a bill passed in Congress.
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

21. Describe the controversy over the line-item veto.

22. How can Congress override a Presidential veto?

23. Describe the President's role as Chief of Party.

24. How does public opinion affect the decisions of the President?

25. How can Presidents use popular approval to their advantage?

26. Describe the President's emergency powers.

27. How has the use of emergency powers caused controversy in the past?

28. Explain the President's use of executive orders.

29. Describe the concept of executive privilege.

30. What controversies have arisen around the use of executive privilege?

31. Explain the impeachment process.

32. Explain the roles of the following.

a. White House Office:

b. Office of Management and Budget:

c. National Security Council:

d. Policy czars:

e. Vice President:

33. Explain the need for passage of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment.