

**AP United States Government  
Chapter 13 Study Guide – The Presidency**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary:** On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Twenty-second Amendment | 6. National Security Council       | 10. Pocket veto            |
| 2. Impeachment             | 7. Council of Economic Advisers    | 11. Presidential coattails |
| 3. Watergate               | 8. Office of Management and Budget | 12. War Powers Resolution  |
| 4. Twenty-fifth Amendment  | 9. Veto                            | 13. Legislative veto       |
| 5. Cabinet                 |                                    | 14. Crisis                 |

**Questions:** Complete the following as you read chapter 13 in your textbook.

1. What are the two contradictory expectations that Americans have about the presidency?
  - a.
  - b.
2. Make a list of the ten presidents you believe have been the best and briefly explain why.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
  - g.
  - h.
  - i.
  - j.
3. Outline the procedure for removing a president from office.
4. Look at Table 13.3 on page 406 and choose one constitutional power of the president from each category that you believe to be the most important.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

5. Describe two ways in which the power of the president has expanded from its constitutional base.
  - a.
  - b.
6. List three recent vice presidents who have played a prominent role in the administration.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
7. What is the cabinet and what does it do?
8. List and explain the function of three major policymaking bodies of the Executive Office.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
9. What is the difference between a hierarchical organization and a wheel-and-spokes system of White House management?

Hierarchical:

Wheel-and-spokes:
10. Make a list of four First Ladies and the way each influenced the presidency.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
11. List the three options the president has once Congress passes a bill.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

12. What is the difference between a veto, a pocket veto, and a line-item veto?

Veto:

Pocket Veto:

Line-Item Veto:

13. What are the two indicators of public support for the president?

a.

b.

14. What is meant by the president's "honeymoon" period?

15. What is an executive agreement, and how does it differ from a treaty?

16. What are the main provisions of the War Powers Resolution?

17. Why is the president more equipped to handle a crisis than Congress?

18. What are the "two presidencies"?

a.

b.

19. What is the difference between the president as head of state and head of government?

Head of State:

Head of Government:

20. Rank the past ten presidents in terms of their ability to garner public support.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

i.

j.

21. What is the role of the president's press secretary?

22. In what way(s) are the press biased in their coverage of the president?

23. In what way(s) is the institution of the presidency undemocratic?

24. How does the presidency increase and decrease the scope of government?