

All In a Day's Work

Name: _____

A. I've Got the Power! Match each responsibility of the president and vice president with the correct power or duty found in the Constitution.



President's Responsibilities

- 1) ____ Lead weekly meetings where I ask the leaders of executive branch departments for advice on how to handle the country's most difficult problems.
- 2) ____ Go to Congress and give my yearly "State of the Union" speech on what's happening in America.
- 3) ____ Decide whether to approve or reject a bill that Congress has sent me.
- 4) ____ Follow the Constitution and the law even if I disagree with it.
- 5) ____ Decide whether to send more troops into war knowing that some will die, but it will keep the country safe.
- 6) ____ Make sure the Department of Homeland Security properly carries out new airport safety laws that will anger some travelers.
- 7) ____ Hold a press conference where I ask Congress to spend more money on space exploration.
- 8) ____ Decide whether to let someone out of prison based on the prisoner's good conduct and particular circumstances
- 9) ____ Negotiate an agreement with another country that would lower the taxes each one adds to the sale of items from the other country.
- 10) ____ Choose a new Supreme Court justice to replace one who is retiring.

Vice President's Responsibilities

- 11) ____ Take over as president if I'm needed.
- 12) ____ Act as leader of the Senate.
- 13) ____ Cast a tiebreaking vote in the Senate.
- 14) ____ Work with the president to run the executive branch.

Powers & Duties Listed in the Constitution:

- A. Power to carry out the laws
- B. Must protect and defend the Constitution
- C. Commander in Chief of the military
- D. Elected with the president to hold office in the executive branch
- E. May ask advisors, who lead parts of the government, for their opinion on different issues
- F. Is the president of the Senate
- G. Pardon someone for a crime, canceling their punishment
- H. Make treaties with other countries (with Senate approval)
- I. Take office as president if the current president dies, resigns, or is unable to do the job
- J. Choose new Supreme Court justices (with Senate approval)
- K. Make recommendations to Congress about what laws are needed
- L. Update Congress on how things are going in the country
- M. Sign (approve) or veto (reject) bills from Congress
- N. Can vote in the Senate if the senators are equally divided on a vote