

The Presidency

USCIS Questions

In the Presidency theme:

15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
33. Who signs bills to become laws?
34. Who vetoes bills?
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
35. What does the President's Cabinet do?
36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

Related:

2. What does the Constitution do?
41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

Key Vocabulary—The Presidency

advise: to recommend or suggest; to offer your opinion to someone

bill: a proposed plan for a law that the government reviews

cabinet: a group of government leaders who advise the president

civilian: anyone who is not a member of the military or police

Commander in Chief: the U.S. president's role as the official leader of the military

enforce: to make people follow laws

federal: part of the central U.S. government, not state or local governments

military: the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard)

override: to change an official decision

represent: to make decisions for another person or group of people

representatives: elected members of a government group in the United States, such as in Congress

serve: to work for a certain period of time, usually in political office or in the military

sign: to write your name on a document to show that you approve

signature: a person's name written in their own handwriting

sworn in: when an individual publicly promises to be loyal to a country or an important job

tie: to have the same number of votes on each side

treaties: formal written agreements between two or more countries

wages: money earned for a job

Directions: As you watch the video, write down the answers to the questions below. Eventually you'll have your answers for all 100 civics questions.

The President

Who is in charge of the executive branch? USCIS #15

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The President: Commander in Chief

Who is the Commander in Chief of the military? USCIS #32

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President: Signing Bills

Who signs bills to become laws? USCIS #33

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President: Vetoing Bills

Who vetoes bills? USCIS #34

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The President Today

What is the name of the President of the United States now? USCIS #28

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Vice President

If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President? USCIS #30

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The Vice President Today

What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? USCIS #29

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The Speaker of the House

If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President? USCIS #31

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President's Cabinet

What does the President's Cabinet do? USCIS #35

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Cabinet Positions

What are two Cabinet-level positions? USCIS #36

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How Well Do You Know The Presidency?

Read the answers below. Write the Civics Test question for each answer.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Visit www.whitehouse.gov right before your naturalization interview for current information on the President and the Vice President.

Example: Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?

Answer: The President is the Commander in Chief.

1. _____?

Answer: They advise the President.

2. _____?

Answer: The President is in charge of the executive branch.

3. _____?

Answer: The Vice President becomes President.

4. _____?

Answer: The President vetoes bills.

5. _____?

Answer: The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Labor.

6. _____?

Answer: The Speaker of the House becomes President.

7. _____?

Answer: The President signs bills to become laws.

Read the Civics Test questions below. Write the answer for each question.

1. What is the name of the President of the United States now? _____

2. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? _____



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The President's Job

The President has many responsibilities.

The President is Commander in Chief of the military.

The President can sign a bill into law.

The President can veto a bill.

The President represents the United States to other countries.

The President is in charge of the departments in the executive branch.



*President Franklin D. Roosevelt reviewing American troops in Casablanca, Morocco during World War II.
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The Executive Branch

Word Scramble

Look at these letters.

Write the new words.

GNIS = _____

TEVO = _____

LIBL = _____

RAGHCE = _____

PSEDNIRTE = _____

TRILMAYI = _____



*President Woodrow Wilson signing a child labor bill.
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*President Jimmy Carter welcomes Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House.
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Voting for Presidents

We elect our President and Vice President every _____ years.

Fill in the election years.



Our last presidential election was in _____.

Our next presidential election will be in _____.

In what month do we vote for President? _____.

Americans elect the President in November.

The President takes office the next January.

The President serves for four years.

The President's Cabinet

The President makes important decisions every day.

Advisors help the President make these decisions.

The advisors are called the President's Cabinet.



President Ronald Reagan leads a Cabinet meeting at the White House in September 1986.
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The Cabinet members are in charge of different departments.

For example, there is a Department of Education. The Secretary of Education advises the President about education and schools.

What does the President's Cabinet do? _____

Cabinet Members

Write the Cabinet Members' position under the picture.

Word Bank

Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary of Transportation

Secretary of Defense

Secretary of Education



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- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____