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Key

Executive Branch Study Guide

What is the main function of the President and the executive branch?	Enforce/Execute Laws
Who makes up the Executive Branch?	<p>Article II - Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice President • Cabinet • Regulatory Agencies
Describe each of the following Presidential Duties:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief of State Symbol of US Citizenship Ceremonial leader 2. Chief Executive Carries out the laws Appoints cabinet members Declares state of emergency (disaster areas) 3. Chief Legislator Signs & vetoes bills State of the Union Address Special Sessions of Congress 4. Commander in Chief Controls the US Military 5. Chief Diplomat Discussion with foreign nations - trade, treaties 6. Chief Party Leader Speaking for members in favor of other party members 7. Chief Citizen Representative of all the people 8. Chief Guardian of the Economy Monitors government spending Write national budget Runs treasury department 9. CHIEF JUDICIAL LEADER appoints judges to Supreme Court & other federal courts. Grants federal pardons (released from responsibility), reprieves (temporary relief), and amnesty(forgiveness)
Which house of congress approves presidential appointments of cabinet members and federal judges?	Senate
What is the title given to the leader of the Department of Justice ?	Attorney General
List the Big 5 Cabinet Departments and describe their job	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept. of Justice - responsible for law enforcement & crime prevention, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FBI • Dept. of Defense - maintains and plans the armed forces, Secretary of State • Dept. of Homeland Security -prevents terrorism and secures American borders • Dept. of State - conducts/applies foreign policy • Dept. of Treasury - collects taxes and coins money
What is the only official duty of the Vice President?	President of the Senate
Who elects the President of the United States?	Electoral college - must have majority of electoral votes
What happens if no candidate wins a majority of the electoral votes?	<p>President elected by: House of Representatives</p> <p>Vice President elected by: Senate</p>
The number of electoral votes for each state is determined by	The number of senators and representatives for the state

Identify the first 4 people in the line of Presidential succession.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP • Speaker of the House • President pro Tempore • Secretary of State
What limits does the 22 nd Amendment put on the President?	Two term limit
What are the 3 qualifications to become President?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 yrs. old • Native born citizen • Resident of US for 14 years
<p>Match each of the regulatory commissions to its description:</p> <p>A. Central Intelligence Agency</p> <p>B. Food and Drug Administration</p> <p>C. Federal Trade Commission:</p> <p>D. Internal Revenue Service</p> <p>E. Federal Reserve:</p> <p>F. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>G. Federal Communications Commission:</p> <p>H. Center for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	<p>___E___ The Bank's bank, it gives loans to commercial banks, sets interest rates</p> <p>___F___ Makes rules to decrease environmental hazards produced by businesses</p> <p>___B___ Monitors the safety of food products, prescription medicines, and cosmetics</p> <p>___A___ Collects information about American enemies in order to increase national security</p> <p>___D___ Collects taxes to pay for government programs</p> <p>___G___ Grants licenses and makes rules for television and radio broadcast companies</p> <p>___C___ Prevents unfair business practices and protects consumers' rights</p> <p>___H___ Monitors the spread of disease, takes actions to control and prevent the spread of diseases</p>
How does the Executive Branch check over the Legislative Branch? E>L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veto a bill - Calls congress into special session
How does the Executive Branch check over the Judicial Branch? E>J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants pardons and reprieves - Appoints judges
How does the Legislative Branch check over the Executive Branch? L>E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Override a veto - Approve appointments/treaties - Power to declare war - May impeach president
How does the Judicial Branch check over the Executive Branch? J>E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declare presidential acts unconstitutional

25th Amendment

- VP will become President in the event of

The 25 th Amendment outlines	<p>the death or removal from office of the President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is a vacancy on the office of VP, the President will nominate the VP • VP will act as President if the President is unable to perform his duties
The Presidential Succession Act of 1947	- Speaker of the House follows the VP in succession of President
How do candidates win the Electoral votes of a state?	- He/She must win the majority of the popular vote of the state
How is a candidate elected to become President of the US?	- Candidate must win the majority of Electoral College votes
What is a benefit of the two party system?	- Winning the majority of the popular vote in the electoral college is higher
Total electoral votes in the electoral college	100 senators + 435 House of Reps + 3 DC = 538 Electoral Votes