

Executive Branch Lesson Answer Key

The Executive Branch

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Three Branches of Government

The U.S. government has three branches or parts.

One branch is the executive branch.

The President is in charge of the executive branch.

What is the name of the President of the United States now?

Barack Obama (or current President)

What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

Joseph/Joe Biden (or current Vice President)

What are the two major political parties in the United States? **Democratic** and **Republican**

What is the political party of the President now?

Democratic Party (or current political party)

The President's Job

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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.

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Word Scramble

Look at these letters. Write the new words.

GNIS = **SIGN**

TEVO = **VETO (OR VOTE)**

LIBL = **BILL**

RAGHCE = **CHARGE**

PSEDNIRTE = **PRESIDENT**

TRILMAYI = **MILITARY**

The President's Cabinet

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The President makes important decisions every day.

Advisors help the President make these decisions.

The advisors are called the President's Cabinet.

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?

Advises the President.

Cabinet Members

Write the Cabinet Members' position under the picture.



1) Secretary of Defense



2) Secretary of Transportation



3) Secretary of Education



4) Secretary of Agriculture

Voting for Presidents

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We elect our President and Vice President every **4** years.



Our last presidential election was in **2008**.

Our next presidential election will be in **2012**.

In what month do we vote for President?
November.

Americans elect the President in November.

The President takes office the next January.

The President serves for four years.

What Happens Next?

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The President serves for four years.

After four years, the President can decide to run again.

For example, President George W. Bush served for four years.

Then he ran for President again and he won.

He served from 2001 to 2009.

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Sometimes the President cannot serve for four years.

Sometimes the President resigns.

Sometimes the President dies in office.

If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President? **Vice President**

For example, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

The same day, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson became President.

If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President? **Speaker of the House (of Representatives)**

This has never happened in American history.

The White House

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Write these words.

White House

Copy the sentence.

The President works in the White House.