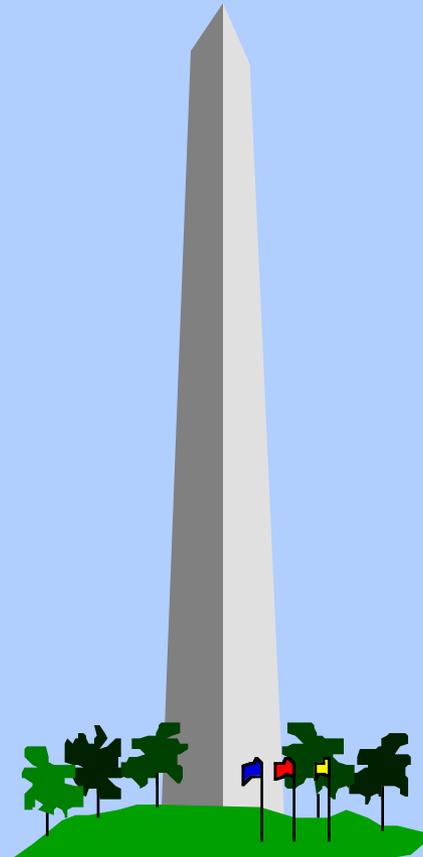
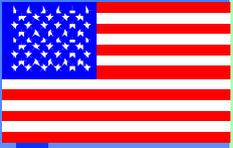


The President of the United States of America

- ❁ Innovative concept
- ❁ Great power
- ❁ Can capture the popular imagination
- ❁ The leader of the “free world”





The President's Constitutional Roles



- ❁ Chief of State - Ceremonial head of state
- ❁ Chief Executive - executes the laws
- ❁ Chief Administrator - 3,000,000 employees
- ❁ Chief Diplomat - makes foreign policy
- ❁ Commander in Chief - ultimate head of the mightiest fighting force on Earth
- ❁ Chief Legislator - sets the agenda



Non - Constitutional Roles

- ❁ Chief of his Political Party

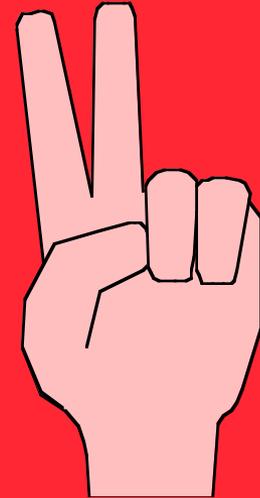
- ❁ Chief Citizen

 - ❁ representative of all the people

 - ❁ moral leadership

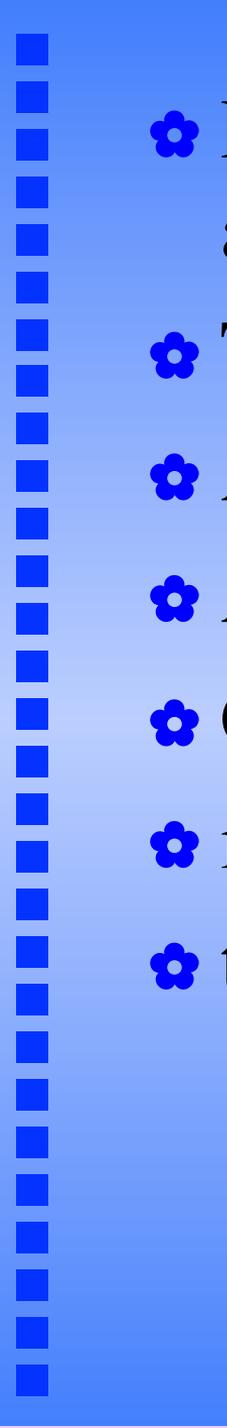
- ❁ All of these roles are played simultaneously

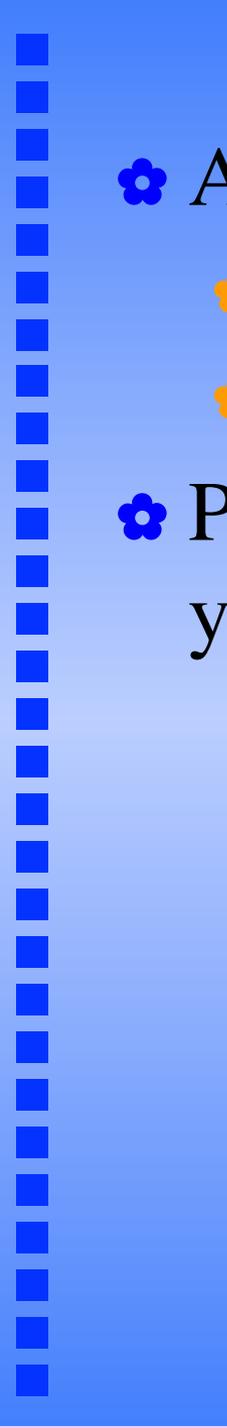
 - ❁ all things to all people???



Requirements & Boundaries

- ❁ A Natural Born Citizen, 35+ years of age, having resided in the U.S. 14 years
 - ❁ T. Roosevelt 42 / John F. Kennedy 43
 - ❁ Ronald Reagan 69 (McCain was 73)
- ❁ Term = 4 years with a limit of two terms or ten years maximum service
 - ❁ F. D. Roosevelt served 12+ years (elected 4 X)
 - ❁ Twenty Second Amendment
- ❁ Should there be a single six year term?
 - ❁ advantages ?

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- ❁ Pay - \$400,000/yr plus \$50,000 expense account
 - ❁ The White House (132 rooms on 18 acres)
 - ❁ Air Force One (a 747 Jet)
 - ❁ A Yacht, Limos, cars, helicopters, planes
 - ❁ Camp David (a resort)
 - ❁ medical and dental care
 - ❁ travel and entertainment expense accounts

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- ❁ A retirement pension of \$191,300/ yr. and
 - ❁ an office staff
 - ❁ secret service guards
 - ❁ Presidential Widows are entitled to \$20,000 / yr.

Succession and the Vice President

- ❁ One of five Vice Presidents succeeded a President who died in office
- ❁ One of three Vice Presidents lived to become President
- ❁ The Constitution states that a Vice President becomes President if the President:
 - ❁ is removed, dies, or resigns

The Presidential Succession Act of 1947

- ❁ #1 The Vice President
- ❁ then The Speaker of the House-followed by
- ❁ The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- ❁ #4 Secretary of State
- ❁ #5 Secretary of the Treasury
- ❁ #6 Secretary of Defence
- ❁ and so down the line of Cabinet Secretaries

The Twenty Fifth Amendment

- ❁ President Garfield - 80 days between gunshot and death in 1881
- ❁ President Wilson-incapacitated for 7 months after his stroke in 1919
- ❁ President Eisenhower in 1955, 1956, & 1957 suffered a heart attack, ileitis, & a stroke
- ❁ The Vice President becomes Acting President if the President informs Congress in writing that he is “unable to discharge ...the duties of his office.”

- ❁ Or the “Vice President and a majority of the members of the Cabinet inform Congress, in writing, that the President is so incapacitated”
- ❁ President may resume office by informing Congress that he is OK
- ❁ The Vice President and a majority of the cabinet may challenge, in which case the Congress must decide who is in charge within 21 days.
- ❁ July 13, 1985 - Bush serves for Reagan for 54 minutes while Reagan had cancer surgery.

Executive Powers

- ❁ Enforce the law
- ❁ Executive Orders
- ❁ Diplomatic powers include
 - ❁ Treaty with 2/3 of the Senate
 - ❁ Executive Agreements
 - ❁ Recognition

Commander in Chief Powers

❁ Undeclared War

- ❁ The War Powers Act of 1973
- ❁ 48 hour rule, 60 day limit (+30 days) joint resolution clause

The List

- ❁ 1798 -France
- ❁ 1803 - Barbary Pirates
- ❁ 1950-53 - Korea
- ❁ 1965-73 - Vietnam
- ❁ 82-84 - Beirut
- ❁ 83 - Granada
- ❁ 86 - Libya
- ❁ 87-88 - Persian Gulf
- ❁ 89 - Panama
- ❁ 90 - Kuwait
- ❁ 91 - Somolia
- ❁ 92 - Haiti
- ❁ 95 - Bosnia
- ❁ 01 - Afganistan
- ❁ 03 - Iraq

Declared War Powers- continued

- ❁ Rationing
- ❁ Wage and Price Control
- ❁ Federalization of Factories
- ❁ Executive Orders limiting Civil Rights

Legislative Powers

- ❁ Recommend - “State of the Union”
- ❁ Veto
 - ❁ Pocket

Judicial Powers

❁ Reprieve

❁ Pardon

❁ Commutation

❁ Amnesty

❁ 1893 Mormons / 1976 Draft evaders