

Unit Learning Objectives

The Executive Branch (chapter 12)

Section 1

- 1) Explain the reason for the design of the executive branch and its plausible alternatives
- 2) Analyze the way presidents have expanded presidential power and why
- 3) Identify the limitations on a president's power

Section 2

- 4) Describe changes over time in the way the president and vice president are selected
- 5) Identify the stages in the modern presidential selection process
- 6) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of the Electoral College

Section 3

- 7) Explain how incoming and outgoing presidents peacefully transfer power
- 8) Describe how new presidents fill positions in the executive branch
- 9) Discuss how incoming presidents use their early popularity to advance larger policy solutions

Section 4

- 10) Explain how technological innovations have empowered presidents
- 11) Identify ways in which presidents appeal to the public for approval
- 12) Explain how the role of first ladies changed over the course of the twentieth century

Section 5

- 13) Identify the power presidents have to effect change without congressional cooperation
- 14) Analyze how different circumstances influence the way presidents use unilateral authority
- 15) Explain how presidents persuade others in the political system to support their initiatives