

Information Sheet for Article II-The Executive Branch

Who?	The President
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 35 years old • A natural-born citizen of the United States • Must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years
Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A term of four years for President • A President may serve two terms
Other Members of the Executive Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vice-President • Members of the President's Cabinet such as the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Defense • Officials of independent agencies that help carry out policy or provide special services such as the U.S. Postal Service, the National Science Foundation, and the Central Intelligence Agency
Powers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To serve as Head of State in meeting with leaders of other countries 2. To act as Commander in Chief of the armed forces 3. To make treaties with other countries with the approval of the Senate 4. To appoint ambassadors and judges to the Supreme Court with the approval of the Senate 5. To conduct a war 6. To recommend legislation to Congress 7. To convene Congress in special circumstances 8. To serve as the "boss" of federal government workers 9. To sign or veto a bill from Congress
Limits on Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President can conduct a war, but only the Congress can declare war. • The President controls the armed forces, but the Congress controls the money needed to support the armed forces. • The Senate must approve of presidential appointments. • The House of Representatives has the power to impeach the President for wrong-doing. • The Senate has the power to try the President after he or she has been impeached.