AP United States Government
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Vocabulary
Chapter 14 – President

This chapter introduces you to the institution that has become the hub of American government during its two centuries of history: the presidency. The chapter demonstrates that this institution is unique or at least significantly different from other positions of government leadership. It also surveys the changes that have occurred in the office from the original, limited position intended by the Founders, through historical evolution, and down to the office of the president as we know it today. After reading and reviewing the material in this chapter, you should be able to do each of the following:

1. Explain the differences between the positions of president and prime minister.
2. Discuss the approach of the Founders toward executive power.
3. Sketch the evolution of the presidency from 1789 to the present.
4. List and describe the various offices that make up the office of the president.
5. Review discussions of presidential character and how these relate to the achievements in office of various presidents.
6. Enumerate and discuss the various facets--formal and informal--of presidential power.

ad hoc structure
bully pulpit
bureaucracy
cabinet
circular structure
commander in chief
divided government/ unified government
Electoral College
electors
Executive Office of the President (EOP)
executive departments
executive order
executive privilege
gridlock
impeachment
independent agencies
impoundment of funds
lame duck
legislative veto
line-item veto
pocket veto
nomination
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Oval Office
parliament
parliamentary form of government
power of persuasion
presidential succession
prime minister
pyramid structure
reorganization
rule of propinquity
separation of power
term limits
veto
veto message
Vice President
war power
War Powers Act
West Wing
White House Office
22nd Amendment
24th Amendment