Chief Executive

American Government
What duties and powers are tied to the President’s role as Chief Executive?

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The State of the Union Address

- Delivered once a year to both chambers of Congress

- Gives the President the opportunity to discuss the State of the Union and their legislative goals for the coming year.
Nomination of Political Appointees

- Nominated by the President and then confirmed by the Senate.
  - Supreme Court Justices
  - Ambassadors
  - Cabinet Secretaries
  - Advisors
Executive Agencies and the Cabinet

- Help the President to run the day to day operations of the Executive Branch
- Agencies include (but are not limited to)
  - Department of Education
  - Department of Defence
  - Department of Transportation
  - Department of the Interior
  - Department of Homeland Security
Executive Orders

- A direct order from the President to one or more Executive Agency
- Can range on a wide variety of topics for example: E.O. 13190
  - Signed by President Clinton in 2001
  - Establishes a commission on the equity of Educational Resources
- Executive orders have five parts:
  - Heading
  - Title
  - Introduction
  - Body
  - Signature
Activity: Write your own Executive Order

- Ten minutes in groups to write an Executive Order addressing the question: How much homework should be given to 8th graders over the weekend?
- Title
  - Should be “catchy” and address the issue directly
- Introduction
  - Take a point of view on the issue
- Body
  - Explain which agencies should abide by this order and how
- Signature
  - Don’t forget to sign! An unsigned executive order has no power!
What’s the difference between an Executive Order and a law?

- **Executive Orders**
  - Do not require Congressional approval
  - Can be overturned by another executive order
  - Are limited in scope
Build your own definition of the role of Chief Executive in less than two sentences.

What questions do you have?