

Chief Executive



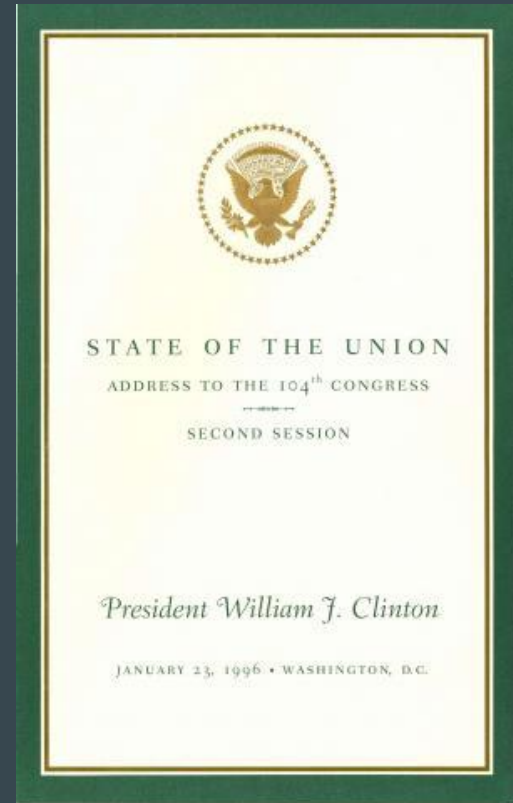
American Government

**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?