POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

**LESSON 1**

**HEAD OF STATE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**HEAD OF STATE**
- performs ceremonial functions
- comforts citizens in times of crisis
- hosts dignitaries
- gives awards to distinguished citizens

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
- carries out the laws
- appoints cabinet and other agency heads
- appoints federal judges and Supreme Court justices
- issues executive orders
- grants reprieves, pardons, and amnesty

**COMMANDER IN CHIEF**
- As civilian commander of the armed forces, can use the military to:
  - defend the nation
  - engage in overseas operations
  - control serious turmoil in the United States
  - aid in natural disasters in the United States

**CHIEF DIPLOMAT**
- directs U.S. foreign policy
- makes decisions about U.S. relations with other countries
- negotiates and signs treaties
- signs executive agreements with other countries
- recognizes foreign governments

**LEGISLATIVE LEADER**
- gives annual State of the Union address
- drafts and negotiates bills
- signs or vetoes laws passed by Congress
- can call a congressional special session

**ECONOMIC PLANNER**
- submits annual budget to Congress
- submits economic reports to Congress
- appoints heads of Federal Reserve System

**PARTY LEADER**
- gives speeches and attends fund-raisers to support party candidates
- selects party’s national chair
- helps plan election strategies
- appoints party members to political office

**ROLES OF THE PRESIDENT**

**LESSON 1**

**THE PRESIDENT WEARS MANY HATS:**
- Head of State
- Chief Executive
- Commander in Chief
- Chief Diplomat
- Legislative Leader
- Economic Planner
- Party Leader