

# The Presidency in Action

For this project you will be working on the creation of a Melichar Notes® study sheet that will tell anyone all they need to know about the role of the President. In the study sheet, you need to respond to the prompts listed below in each section. Do not, however, respond to the questions. This is a study sheet. Make the answers obvious and stand alone with no need for a question to understand the information. The information that must be in your study sheet is listed below. If I were to do this project, I would use the existing headlines for the four sections and title the project either “The Presidency in Action” or “Executive Powers.”

## The Growth of Presidential Power

- Key terms: Executive Article, mass media, imperial presidency
- What does article II set up? Why can it be describe only as an outline?
- Give three reasons why presidential power has grown over the years.
- What are the two competing views of the constitutional phrase “executive power?”

## The President's Executive Powers

- Key terms: oath of office, executive order, ordinance power
- What does the President promise to do in the oath of office?
- How does the President affect the meaning of many of the laws passed by Congress?
- What does the President get the power to give executive orders?
- What is the ordinance power and where does the President get this power?
- Who does the President appoint? Who has to approve of the appointees?

## Diplomatic and Military Powers

- Key terms: treaty, executive agreement, recognition, persona non grata
- Summarize the process by which treaties are negotiated and approved. Treaty v. executive agreement
- Describe how the President’s power of recognition be used in a positive way? Negative way?
- Which of the President’s powers is almost unlimited? Why?

## Legislative and Judicial Powers

- Key terms: line-item veto, reprieve, pardon, clemency, commutation, amnesty
- What are the President’s two major legislative powers?
- Explain how these judicial powers of the President differ: reprieve, pardon, clemency, commutation, amnesty

\*Use no more than one side of one piece of paper!

