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ROLES OF THE PRESIDENT

The president has many different duties and roles to fill. We are going to take a look at exactly what the president does in a day to see what those various roles are.

Go to www.whitehouse.gov. You will see a list of different events the president has attended and the various things he has done over the past week.

PARTY LEADER

At some times, the president acts as the leader of his political party. In this role, the president helps members of his political party get elected or appointed to office. The president campaigns for those members who have supported his policies. At the end of a term, the president may campaign for reelection with his party's support.

 Examples of the president acting as party leader:
1. **Choosing leading party members to serve in the Cabinet.**
2. **Speaking at a rally for a political candidate.**

Questions:
1. **To what political party does the current president belong?**

2. **In what ways can a president work on behalf of his party?**

Find an example of the president acting as leader of his political party from www.whitehouse.gov or a major news outlet.

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The president is commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces. This means all of the military leaders report to and take orders from the president.

Examples of the president acting as commander in chief:
1. **Inspecting a Navy yard**
2. **Deciding, in wartime, whether to bomb foreign cities**
3. **Call out the National Guard to stop a riot**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The president is the chief executive, empower to administer the laws and affairs of the nation. While the president does NOT make the laws, his agencies have the responsibility to carry out the laws.

Examples of the president acting as chief executive:

1. **Appointing the head of agencies**
2. **Holding a Cabinet meeting**

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CHIEF OF STATE

The president's role as chief of state is to represent the United States at public events.

Examples of the president acting as chief of state:
1. Awarding medals to students receiving academic honors
2. Greeting visitors to the White House
3. Congratulating astronauts upon their return from space travel

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CHIEF DIPLOMAT

Being a diplomat involves interacting with the leaders from other nations. The president takes the lead in foreign relations by associating with foreign leaders and developing a foreign policy with other nations.

Examples of president acting as chief diplomat:
1. Traveling to London to meet with the British prime minister
2. Working with leaders in the Middle East in an effort to create a peace plan

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CHIEF LEGISLATOR

Though the president cannot make laws, he can voice his own ideas and opinions to Congress while they draft legislation. He does this through speeches promoting his agendas and by meeting with Congress to discuss policies.

Examples of the president acting as chief legislator:

1. Signing or vetoing a bill passed by Congress
2. Working to get enough House or Senate votes for a bill to be passed in Congress
3. Making a speech to Congress

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