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THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Research the following elements of the executive branch to complete the table.



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

What is the role of the executive branch?

The executive branch enforces the laws.

What are some of the departments or agencies that are part of the executive branch?

The executive branch controls the military, the FBI, the Post Office, and many other departments and agencies (answers will vary).

LEADERS

What is the title of the person in charge of the executive branch?

The person in charge of the executive branch is called the president.

What are some of the main roles of a president?

The president is the chief of state, chief executive, chief diplomat, and commander-in-chief.

How does a president get into office?

The president is elected by the Electoral College. A candidate must win at least 270 out of the 538 votes in the Electoral College to become president.

How long does a president serve before they need to be re-elected? How many times can they be elected?

The president is elected to serve a term of four years. A president can only be elected to serve two terms.

What are some of the main roles of a vice president?

The vice president is elected with the president. They become president if a president dies or cannot complete their term in office. They can also cast a tie-breaking vote in the Senate.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

Give an example of how the president can keep Congress in check.

The president can veto laws passed by Congress. This means the president can prevent Congress from passing laws that the president disagrees with.

Give an example of how the president can keep the Supreme Court in check.

The president can appoint federal judges. This gives the president power over the Judicial Branch and the Supreme Court.