



# Article II of the Constitution (for Kids)

The power of the executive is placed in the President. The people, through the Electoral College, elect the President and the Vice President.

**How long is the President in Office?** The President and Vice President both serve for 4 years. The President and the Vice President can be reelected for 4 more years when their term ends. BUT- A President can only be reelected one time! There is no limit to the number of terms a Vice President can serve.

## What do you need to be President?

- Be at least 35 years old
- Be born in the United States
- Live in the United States for at least 14 years

### Fun Fact

**The only President to serve for three terms was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! (1933-1945)**

**What happens if the President cannot be in office anymore?** If the President cannot be President anymore, the Vice President becomes the President.

## Presidential Pay History

<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b>September 24, 1789</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>March 3, 1873</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>March 4, 1909</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>January 19, 1949</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>January 20, 1969</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>January 20, 2001</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

**Does the President get paid?** The President gets a paycheck, but the President cannot get a raise! In fact, the President's pay cannot change while in office.

## What are the President's Powers?

- Commander in Chief of the Military
- Choose people to lead the Departments of the Executive branch, and ask for their assistance and advice
- Can pardon people's crimes
- Make treaties with other nations (with consent from the Senate)
- Appoint important people, like ambassadors and judges (with approval from Congress)
- Enforce the laws

### Fun Fact

**As of 2016, there have been 112 Supreme Court Justices. The first Supreme Court Justice was John Jay, appointed in 1789.**

## What else does the President do?

- Inform Congress about the "State of the Union" to let them know what is going on
- Make suggestions to Congress for new laws
- Call special sessions of Congress if there is an emergency

**Can the President be removed from office?** The President can be tried, or "impeached," by Congress for treason, bribery, or other high crimes or misdemeanors and if found guilty removed from office.