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.

President Pay History

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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.

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