

## **Unit 3: The Presidency**

**Duration:** 3 weeks

**Textbook Reading:** Chapters

**US Constitution Reading:** Article II and Amendments: 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

### **I. The Presidency**

#### A. Official Roles

- Constitutional Roles
- Informal Roles

#### B. Qualifications

- Constitutional Qualifications
- Informal Qualifications

#### C. Terms and Term Limits

- The Election of FDR
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment

#### D. Perks and Benefits

- Salary
- Transportation
- The Whitehouse
- The Secret Service

### **II. Presidential Succession**

#### A. The Constitution and Succession

#### B. Presidential Succession Act of 1947

#### C. The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment

- Automatic Succession
- Vice President Vacancy
- Presidential Power Transfer
- Presidential Disability

\* Quiz 1

### **III. Electing the President**

#### A. The Nomination Process

- Presidential Primaries and Caucuses
- The National Convention

#### B. The Electoral College

- Presidential Electors
- The Election Year and Cycle
- The Election Maps
- Flaws in the Electoral College
- Proposed Changes

\* Quiz 2

### **IV. Presidential Powers**

#### A. Executive Powers

- Faithfully Execute the Law
- Ordinance Power
- Executive Order
- Appointment and Removal Power
- Executive Privilege

#### B. Diplomatic Powers

- Treaty
- Executive Agreement
- Receiving Diplomats

#### C. Military Powers

- Commander in Chief
- Making Undeclared War
- The Nuclear Football
- The War Powers Act of 1973

#### D. Legislative Powers

- Information Duty (State of the Union)
- Recommend Legislation
- Approve Legislation
- Reject Legislation (Veto and Pocket Veto)
- Special Session of Congress

#### E. Judicial Powers (Clemency)

- Reprieve
- Commute
- Pardon
- Amnesty

\* Quiz 3

Test Review

\* Unit Test