

Chapter 10

Choosing the President

Section 1



Constitutional Requirements

Article II section 1

Native born citizen, 35 years of age, resident for 14 years

Same for Vice president

Religion Matters

Informal Requirements

History of Public Service: Senators, Governors, Generals

Political Beliefs

Usually moderates win; exceptions Barry Goldwater in 1964

Read page 291; Barack Obama statement

What reference to the Constitution is in this statement?

What Qualities best exemplify the Preamble?



Leadership Skills Read page 293

Understanding the Public

Herbert Hoover not understanding the public needs

Ability to Communicate

Power to persuade

“Fireside Chats”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaTedoRjANU>

Sense of Timing

George H.W. Bush: economic policies would lead to Russian reform

Ability to Compromise

President Wilson versus Congress; No League of Nations but U.N. 1945

Congress did not want to give up Power to declare war

Political Courage

Abraham Lincoln: A house divided cannot stand

Initially Unpopular



Turn to Page 288

Split into pairs

For A-G write 6 word sentence
2 per group for each Letter

Must use discussed leadership qualities
in sentence

Put both names on one paper

Put on Mr. Faulhabers Desk at end of Class



Terms Salaries and Succession

Tradition of two terms set by George Washington

FDR ran for four; checked by Congress and the people
with the 22nd amendment Read 22nd amendment

Two terms and two years is ten years maximum for the office of president

Congress sets the Presidents salary of 400,000; 100,000 travel expense and
50,000 expense account

Presidential Pension; \$199,700, \$96,000 office salary, Free Office space
Free mailing services, Secret Service for them and family

Vice President; read page 292-3



Constitutional Responsibilities

Take over in case of death, disability or impeachment of the President

Presides over the Senate and votes in case of a tie

25th amendment the Vice president helps decide if the president is able

To carry out his or her duties and take over

Modern responsibilities

Depends on the role the President assigns

Modern VPs have more access to the president

Attend policy meetings

Undertake special urgent assignments (Joe Biden taking action on gun laws)

Part of the National Security Council role of Dick Cheney and Joe Biden acting for

Add expertise or attract voters to issues or geography




Eight presidents have died in office and four assassinated
Read 25th amendment

Read succession I primary source on page 300

Nixon had Spiro Agnew- resigned – Gerald Ford- Nelson Rockefeller
Approved by Congress

Wilson heart attack- wife ran presidency and Eisenhower heart attack and
Aids ran the show



The 25th Amendment clarified the succession to the presidency and the vice presidency. 1967

- The Succession Act of 1947 established the presidential succession.
- The Twenty-fifth Amendment covers succession in the event of presidential disabilities as well as death.

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1. Vice President
 2. Speaker of the House of Representatives
 3. President pro tempore of the Senate
 4. Secretary of State
 5. Secretary of the Treasury
 6. Secretary of Defense
 7. Attorney General
 8. Secretary of the Interior
 9. Secretary of Agriculture
 10. Secretary of Commerce
 11. Secretary of Labor
 12. Secretary of Health and Human Services
 13. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 14. Secretary of Transportation
 15. Secretary of Energy
 16. Secretary of Education
 17. Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 18. Secretary of Homeland Security

The Twenty-fifth Amendment, ratified in 1967, describes two situations in which the powers of the president temporarily pass to the vice president if the president is seriously disabled.

1. The president sends written notice to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House that he or she is unable to perform the duties of the office.
2. The vice president and a majority of the Cabinet members send written notice to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House that the president is unable to perform the duties of the office.

Read the following historical scenarios and answer the question that follows.

1. After a grueling speaking tour in which he tried to win public support for the League of Nations, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke in October 1919. The stroke paralyzed Wilson, confined him to the White House, and left him severely disabled for several months.

Write a paragraph describing what you think happened with the powers of the presidency during this event.

