

Hail to You, Chief!

Congratulations! You have just been elected the President of the United States of America. Given what you have learned regarding the powers granted to the president, you must deal with the following situations in an appropriate manner, making good use of your power and justifying your right to handle these situations by noting what role gives you the power to make such a choice. Remember, the roles of the President include: **Chief Executive, Chief Diplomat, Commander in Chief, Legislative Leader, Head of State, Economic Leader, and Party Leader.**

1. Egypt and Israel continue to fight and bring even more instability to the Middle East. You are very concerned about this situation and would like to rejuvenate the peace process in the Middle East. What power do you have in this situation, and what role grants you this power?

2. You have been following the career of a woman by the name of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Ginsberg was a professor at Rutgers University School of Law, Newark School of Law and Columbia Law School, a litigator for the ACLU, and a federal judge on the US of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. You feel that she is very fair and even tempered, and you would like to give her a job. Where might she fit? In what way might you be able to get her a federal job and what specific power allows you to do this?

3. A bill has been sent to you by Congress that involves making flag burning illegal. You disagree with this bill and absolutely do not want such a law passed. What can you do to act on your displeasure, and what role enables you to do it?

4. You are a Republican president, and a fellow Republican is running for Governor of North Carolina. You would really like to help her win the office. What can you do to assist, and what gives you this power?

5. It is nearing the end of the year, and you have some concerns about the nation's economy. Constituents are looking to you to get our country back on track economically. You feel you need to spend some time examining and reevaluating the finances of the federal government. After you have a sense of the current financial state of America, what do you need to do to ensure there is a financial guideline to follow for next year? What role does this type of responsibility fall under?

6. The Marquis de Lafayette, a foreign visitor from France, is scheduled to arrive at the White House today. What should you plan for his visit? What specific power does this fall under?



7. You have been given reconnaissance imagery revealing Soviet nuclear missile installations in Cuba. You feel these nuclear weapons pose an incredible danger. What can you do, and what gives you this power?

8. It is about that time when you need to address Congress and outline your agenda for the year. You also need this information broadcast to the people. What annual tradition will you follow to deliver this information, and what role gives you this power?

9. It is December, and Washington, DC is buzzing with holiday spirit. You want to make sure the White House sticks with tradition and embraces this season. What should you make sure to mark on your calendar this December?

10. You are passionate about a new health care program that you have developed, which contains several laws that you want Congress to pass. Since only members of Congress have the power to introduce bills for consideration, what can you do to advocate for your health care legislation? What role gives you the ability to do this?

