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**The Presidency**

**Test Review Guide**

*Teacher’s Note: To be successful on this test I suggest you do the following: complete and know this worksheet, study notes and preview chapter quizzes, read your textbook.*

1. What were the two original plans suggested at the Constitutional Convention for selecting the president and what was the comprise (3rd plan)?
2. Why did the original plan of the House of Reps determining the president fail to play out as the founding fathers predicted?
3. What does the 22nd Amendment of the Constitution establish?
4. What does the 25nd Amendment of the Constitution establish?
5. What helped to contribute to the legitimacy of the office of president during the years of the first presidents?
6. Which president began to alter the relationship between the president and Congress and how future presidents would lead? Explain his approach compared to the previous presidents.
7. What does it mean when we say a powerful presidency has been “institutionalized”?
8. List the powers that the president shares with the Senate?
9. rule of propinquity
10. What is the greatest source of presidential power?
11. List and explain the pros and cons of the three methods by which a president can organize his personal staff.
12. Describe each of these former presidents methods of organization.
	1. Nixon
	2. LBJ
	3. Nixon
	4. Carter
	5. Reagan
	6. Clinton
13. What is the principal function of the White House office?
14. The president has the power to appoint thousands of positions within government. Which positions require Senate approval?
15. How would you characterize the relationship between the White House staff and department heads?
16. Explain the main reason the president’s cabinet is weak entity.
17. Describe the seating order at cabinet meetings.
18. Describe the president’s power over his/her cabinet. Explain
19. Explain the trend of recent presidential popularity ratings.
20. What percentage of presidential vetoes (2500+) have been overridden by Congress since 1789?
21. How many days does a president have to sign a bill into law once the bill has been passed to the president for action? What happens if the time allotted runs out and the president still hasn’t signed or vetoed it?
22. What has every president tried to do upon taking office since Herbert Hoover (1928-1932)?
23. Line-item veto
24. Explain the impeachment process of a president.
25. Vice Presidential duties (both constitutional and non-constitutional)
26. What was Harry Truman’s comment on the power of the presidency.
27. What is the fundamental concern of presidential succession?