

THE PRESIDENT'S JOBS

OBJECTIVE

Students examine the jobs of the president and explore facets of American democracy. If modifying this activity for governor, mayor, school board, etc. use those roles and offices.

MATERIALS

Paper and crayons/pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

- ★ Prepare your class for the activity with a discussion of the powers and duties of the President of the United States
 - Chief Citizen: spokesperson for the people of the United States
 - Chief Diplomat: helps other countries to work together, leads foreign policy
 - Chief Executive: leader (boss) of United States Government
 - Chief of State: elected leader of the United States (in other countries, this role might be served by a king, queen, or appointed leader)
 - Commander-in-Chief: leads the US military and defends America during war
 - Legislative Chief: President signs bills into law
 - Party Chief: head of a political party
 - More information is posted at www.GenerationNation.org/learn
- ★ Divide the class into teams, assigning each team to one of the President's roles.
 - Instruct each group to write 1-3 sentences or draw a picture about that role.
 - It could include an explanation of the role, an example of the President serving in that role, or an idea for a future President in that role.
 - Tell each group to be prepared to share their work with the class to help everyone better understand the roles of the President.
- ★ After teams have completed their activity, they present to the class.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ What is the President's most important job? What do you think the President would say?
- ★ Which role would you like/not like to do? Why?
- ★ How does a president learn to do these jobs? How could you prepare yourself for the job?
- ★ How can you find out which is most prepared to be President?
- ★ What characteristics do you think a president should have?
- ★ Which jobs do you think the current president does well?
- ★ How is the President (role, not the person) is different than other world leaders?

MORE RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

Help your students to learn about government, find and analyze information, understand how informed, active citizens participate in democracy through elections and more. Find curriculum alignment guides, candidate and debate information, video, text, images, and more activities plus information about the student vote at www.GenerationNation.org/learn