

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

## OVERVIEW

### THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

### QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

### CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

### GRADE LEVEL

### RANGE

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The executive branch of the federal (national) government has unique responsibilities. The federal government is structured and designed this way to prevent any one branch of the government from becoming too powerful. The Executive Branch refers to the offices of the president and vice-president and has many different purposes. However, its main purpose is to carry out and enforce laws. This branch, also known as Article II, makes sure that the laws of the United States are being followed and obeyed.

The president of the United States is the leader of the Executive Branch. There are several people that operate underneath the president to help him. These people include the vice president and the cabinet. The president's cabinet is a critical piece of the Executive Branch because it offers advice and information to the president. The cabinet is a group of advisors that specialize in certain areas like education or defense. The cabinet includes 15 different departments such as the Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and the Department of Defense.

The president is the leader of the United States, and known as Head of State. It is his job to make sure the country is operating smoothly and fairly. The president has many responsibilities. One is to approve or veto (reject) new laws from Congress (Legislative Branch). The president also enforces laws that have already been passed. The president can appoint Supreme Court judges and cabinet members with the consent (approval) by the Senate. The president is also the Commander-in-Chief of the military. Many people mistakenly believe that the president can declare war but only Congress has that power. The president is the chief diplomat, which means he works with other countries to negotiate peace treaties and trade agreements.

The position of the president is limited to a maximum of two four-year terms. In 1951, the 22nd Amendment was added to the Constitution preventing any one president from serving more than two consecutive

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Who created the Executive Office of the President?



Thomas Jefferson



Jimmy Carter



Franklin Roosevelt



Richard Nixon

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The U.S. Constitution includes \_\_\_\_\_ requirements to become president.



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How old does a presidential candidate have to be?



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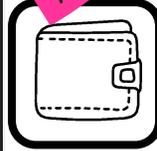
The president can appoint Supreme Court judges with consent of the \_\_\_\_\_.



House of Reps



Senate



Congress



Parliament

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The number of the president is limited to a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ four-year terms.



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A presidential candidate must have lived in the U.S. for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years.



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What is the group of advisors to the president called?



Congress



Cabinet



Justices



Sink

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When was the EOP created?



129



1939



1945



1959

# CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED  
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

CONGRATULATIONS

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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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