

Unit 2.2 Study Guide: Executive Branch

Ch. 8.1-2; 9.1

Items to know:

Big Theme: Presidential change over time

- Constitutional powers and duties (Article 2, Sec. 2 & 3)
- Modern Roles (from notes, but if you need a refresher you can find them in Ch. 9.2)

Constitutional Changes – 5 Presidential Amendments (from *We the People*)

Statement 15: Five Amendments have altered provisions for presidential elections, amendments pertaining to presidential election, terms, and succession.

- 12th - historical problem that led to the amendment + the solution offered by the Amendment
- 20th - historical problem that led to the amendment + the solution offered by the Amendment
- 22nd - historical problem that led to the amendment + the solution offered by the Amendment
- 23rd - historical problem that led to the amendment + the solution offered by the Amendment
- 25th - historical problem that led to the amendment + the solution offered by the Amendment

Requirements to be president (Ch. 8.1 - Presidential Qualifications)

- 3 Constitutional Requirements (Article 2, Sec. 1.5)
- Role of government experience, money, and political beliefs
 - How do primaries shape what candidate beliefs and rhetoric?
 - What are primaries and how are they done?
 - Which months compose the primary season?
 - How does the general election season change candidate beliefs & rhetoric from the primary season?
 - What are campaigns, and what actions are the candidates taking to secure the vote?
 - Which months compose the general election season?
 - How does the increasing polarization of the American people impact which candidates the parties ultimately choose as their presidential candidates? How does this relate to the current presidential election?

The Electoral College... (From lecture; Article 2, Sec. 1; & 12th Amendment)

1. What is it?
2. Where is it in the Constitution?

3. How does it work?
4. Why was it created?
5. Is it always democratic? (Provide an example if not.)
6. What does the 12th Amendment do to the Electoral College?

Checks & Balances... (From lecture & assignment)

- *What are the key checks and balances that the executive branch of government holds over the legislative and judicial branches? Where can they be found?*