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# The Executive Branch

Today we're going to talk about the executive branch...in just a minute.

The executive branch is the branch of the \_\_\_\_\_ government that includes the president, vice president, \_\_\_\_\_, and others.

To be \_\_\_\_\_, a person must have been born in the US or a US territory and be at least 35 years old. They are not directly elected by the people but by the

\_\_\_\_\_.

Article II of the \_\_\_\_\_ grants the president several specific powers.

Military power: the president is commander in chief of the Army and Navy.

Diplomatic power: they can make \_\_\_\_\_ with other countries and receive \_\_\_\_\_.

Judicial power: they can appoint federal and \_\_\_\_\_ judges.

Legislative power: they can convene and adjourn sessions of \_\_\_\_\_.

And finally, executive power: the president has the power to make sure laws are faithfully carried out.

But the president does a lot more than that. In addition to what is expressly written in the Constitution, they have informal powers that are \_\_\_\_\_ or considered inherent to the office. For example, the Constitution doesn't mention the Air Force—only the Army and Navy—because planes didn't exist in 1787.

But the language of the Constitution implies that the president also commands the Air Force and other branches of the military.

What other informal powers does the president have?