

## PRESIDENTIAL ROLES

### CONSTITUTIONAL ROLES

	<i>Power(s)</i>	<i>Check(s)</i>
<i>Chief Legislator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes legislation</li> <li>Vetoes legislation (lacks line item veto -- struck down by Supreme Court)</li> <li>Calls special sessions of Congress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress need not pass suggested legislation</li> <li>Congress can override veto with 2/3 majority in both houses</li> </ul>
<i>Chief Executive</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforces laws, treaties, and court decisions</li> <li>Appoints officials to office</li> <li>Issues executive orders (which have the force of laws) to carry out laws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress passes laws and has "power of the purse"</li> <li>Senate can reject appointments</li> </ul>
<i>Commander in Chief</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head of the armed forces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress appropriates funds for the military</li> <li>Congress declares war</li> <li>War Powers Act of 1973</li> </ul>
<i>Chief Diplomat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets overall foreign policy</li> <li>Appoints ambassadors</li> <li>Negotiates both treaties and executive agreements</li> <li>Gives diplomatic recognition to foreign governments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress appropriates funds for foreign affairs</li> <li>Senate can reject ambassadors and treaties</li> </ul>
<i>Chief Jurist</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoints federal judges</li> <li>Issues pardons (e.g., Ford pardoned Nixon for Watergate) and amnesty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate can reject judicial appointments</li> <li>Senators can place "holds" on appointments</li> <li>Senators can filibuster nominations</li> </ul>

### NON-CONSTITUTIONAL ROLES

<i>Chief of State</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ceremonial head of our nation (e.g., tosses out the first ball of the baseball season, visits the areas struck by natural disaster)</li> </ul>	
<i>Chief of Party</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selects the party's chairman of the national committee</li> <li>Political patronage</li> </ul>	
<i>Chief Economist</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes budget</li> <li>Responsible for overall health of economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress must approve budget</li> </ul>