Political Dictionary

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Practicing the Vocabulary

Matching
Choose a term from the list above that best matches each description.

1. A formal agreement between two or more nations that requires the approval of two thirds of the Senate.
2. The President's power to grant reprieves and pardons in cases involving federal offenses.
3. A directive, rule, or regulation from the President that has the effect of law.
4. The President's constitutional power to issue executive orders.
5. A term for the strong use of presidential power in ways that enable the President to evade the will of Congress.

Fill in the Blanks
Choose a term from the list above that best completes the sentence.

7. The ___ had been sought by many President's, but it was struck down by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional.
8. Unlike a treaty, a ___ does not require congressional approval.
9. The Part of the Constitution that establishes the presidency is called the ___.
10. To allow diplomats to conduct business with another country, the President can declare its diplomatic representatives to be ___.
11. A ___ is a pardon for a crime, whereas ___ is a general pardon of a group of lawbreakers.
12. ___ can be used as a weapon in foreign relations.

Critical Thinking Skills

30. Face the Issues
When, in 1864, Senator Joseph McCarthy claimed that communists had infiltrated the Army, President Eisenhower ordered Defense Department officials not to talk to him. How might supporters and opponents of executive privilege have responded to this order?

31. Drawing Conclusions
Why do you think, after so many Presidents decided to make unilateral war?

32. Predicting Consequences
(a) If the Supreme Court someday were to declare the War Powers Act unconstitutional, on what grounds might the law be struck down? (b) What might be the effect of such a ruling on presidential power?

33. Drawing Inferences
Article II of the Constitution, which covers the powers of the executive, has been called the most loosely drawn chapter in the Constitution. Why might the Framers have drafted Article II in this way?

Analyzing Political Cartoons

Using your knowledge of American government and this cartoon, answer the question below.

34. In the cartoon below, what point is being suggested about how the President and Congress carry out foreign relations? (Note: NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a 26-member regional defense group.)

You Can Make a Difference

Former President Jimmy Carter frequently rode his bicycles and goes to work each day by foot, bicycle, and, most recently, the Internet. Are you as physically fit as healthy as Jimmy Carter? Would it be good for your health if you hung around with President Carter?

Participation Activities

35. Current Events Watch
The President often meets with leaders from other countries. Find current news reports of such a meeting and try to answer these questions: Why did the President meet with that particular dignitary? What topics did they discuss? Why does the President frequently hold such meetings? Can those meetings have any impact on this country's foreign relations? Can they have any impact on politics in this country?

36. Chart Activity
Create a chart that lists the various powers of the President and some of their sources. Then write a summary statement contrasting the power of the President today with the power that the Framers intended the President to have when they created the position in 1787.

37. If You're the President
You have completed your first year as President. Write the opening paragraphs of a State of the Union address. Explain how you intend to lead the nation in the year ahead. Open with a statement in which you summarize your beliefs about the role of the President. Explain what you predict will be your greatest achievements and challenges and how you will attempt to address it, using your constitutional powers. (Writing a Speech)

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