U.S Government

Roles of the President Project

Recently we have discussed the qualifications and roles of the President of the United States (POTUS). At any given time the President is serving in one or more of these eight roles.

1) Chief of State

2) Chief Executive

3) Chief Administrator

4) Chief Diplomat

5) Commander in Chief

6) Chief Legislator

7) Chief of Party

8) Chief Citizen

The U.S. President is unique in this regard. In many countries these roles are sometimes divided amongst two or more people. The President can spend one minute taking a photo with a championship sports team and the next ordering a missile strike on a foreign land.

**Your task** is to create a PowerPoint presentation. Within that PowerPoint you will select four of the eight listed roles. You will find examples of President Obama acting in each of those four roles. It may be giving a speech on a matter he cares about, meeting with a foreign leader or just simply playing with his daughters.

You are to create TWO PowerPoint slides for each role:

Slide A should include

* **The name of the role**
* **Definition of the role**
* **Example Action**

**Slide B should include**

* **A picture of President Obama carrying out the role**
* **A caption of who is in the photo and what is going on**
* **The source where you found him doing this role (newspaper, magazine, news website) Do not use Wikipedia.**

But wait!!!! There’s More!!!!

As you know the President has many duties, but are all Presidents asked to do the same thing? Other countries have different systems of government, thus people other than the President might have these jobs. The next part is this…

You are to pick four countries from the following 20. And find one example of a leader of one of those four countries doing the same roles you found for Obama. So if you found Obama acting as Commander in Chief, find an example of someone in Italy acting as Commander in Chief. Be sure to include the same info (caption, source and picture.)

What you will see is that many of these roles are not assigned to one person in other countries like they are here.

**Beware:** As you search do not just look for the words “President.” Some countries refer to their leaders as King, Queen, Prime Minister, Chancellor, Premier and various other terms.

**Countries**

Japan

China

Germany

France

United Kingdom

Italy

Russian

Spain

Brazil

Mexico

Canada

India

Australia

South Korea

Netherlands

Turkey

South Africa

Egypt

Sweden

Iran

**This assignment is worth 75 points. You can work in groups of two. You will have the rest of the period today, and part of class on Tuesday to work. We will begin presenting on Thursday.**