

The Powers of the Presidency	
Directions: Match each of the Presidential Powers/Responsibilities listed below in the left column, numbers (1-8), with the excerpts from Article II and Article I of the U.S. Constitution below in the right column, letters (A-H).	
1. Sign (approve) or veto (reject) bills from Congress Letter _____ best matches	A. Article II, Section 2: "The President shall be <u>Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States</u> , and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States..."
2. Leader of the Armed Forces/Military Letter _____ best matches	B. Article II, Section 2: " <u>he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States</u> , except in Cases of Impeachment."
3. Ask his advisers, who lead the departments of the executive branch, for their opinion on different issues. Letter _____ best matches	C. Article II, Section 2: "He shall have Power, by and <u>with the Advice and Consent of the Senate</u> , to make <u>Treaties</u> , provided two thirds of the Senators present concur;"
4. Update Congress on how things are going in the country Letter _____ best matches	D. Article II, Section 2: " <u>he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments</u> , upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices..."
5. Can choose new Supreme Court justices, federal judges, ambassadors and appoint new cabinet members (with the Senate's approval...this is Checks and Balances) Letter _____ best matches	E. Article II, Section 2: "he shall nominate, and by and <u>with the Advice and Consent of the Senate</u> , shall <u>appoint Ambassadors</u> , other public Ministers and Consuls, <u>Judges of the Supreme Court</u> , and all other <u>Officers of the United States</u> "
6. Power to carry out (enforce/execute) the laws Letter _____ best matches	F. Article II, Section 3: "He shall from time to time <u>give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union</u> , and <u>recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient</u> "
7. Can make treaties with other countries (with 2/3 of the Senate's approval...this is Checks and Balances) Letter _____ best matches	G. Article I, Section 7: "Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; <u>if he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it</u> "
8. Can pardon someone from a federal crime, which gets them out of jail or stops the death penalty...this CHECKS the power of the Judicial Branch. Letter _____ best matches	H. Article II, Section 3: "he shall <u>take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed</u> ,"