

EVERYTHING TO TEACH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

3-4 week complete unit

Cover this core content **with confidence** without getting lost in the weeds!

- ✓ Detailed 75-slide **lecture kit** with guided notes and assessment questions
- ✓ 4 Executive Branch **podcast episodes** with guided notes
- ✓ Roles of the President **lecture & station activity**
- ✓ Primary & Caucus and Electoral College & Alternatives **simulations**
- ✓ Current Cabinet Members **research posters**
- ✓ President Job Approval Rating **data analysis**
- ✓ Capstone **research essay project** on whether the Electoral College should be replaced
- ✓ **100+ Reviews Cards** with 10+ game ideas

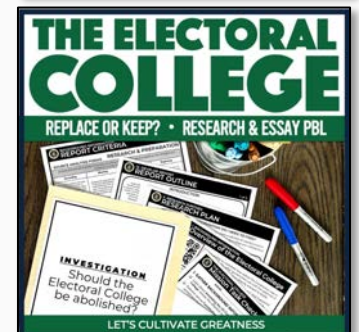
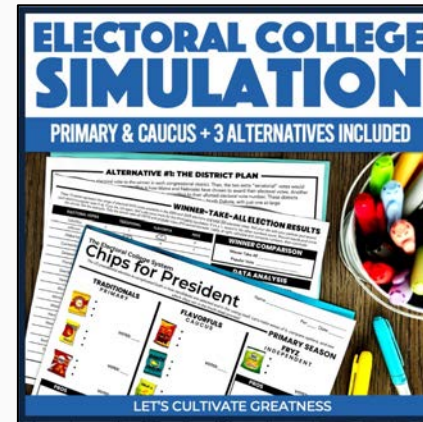
STUDENT MATERIALS COME IN PRINT & DIGITAL OPTIONS



TOPICS & STANDARDS

covered

- ✓ **Structure and functions** of the executive branch, including the White House, Cabinet, & Departments
- ✓ **Relationship with the other branches**, including how it checks and balances them and how they're different
- ✓ **Article II**, the **expressed/implicit powers**, and the **formal/informal roles** of the President
- ✓ **Primaries and caucuses**, and the role of **third-party candidates** in presidential races
- ✓ How the **Electoral College & alternatives** work
- ✓ **Landmark executive actions** relating to the expressed and implied powers and roles of the President
- ✓ **Current issues** like debates on replacing the Electoral College & President approval rating numbers



EACH ACTIVITY IS STAND-ALONE LETTING YOU PLUG & PLAY TO FIT YOUR CLASSROOM NEEDS

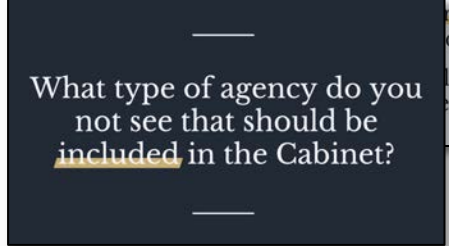
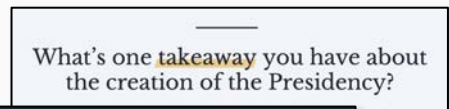
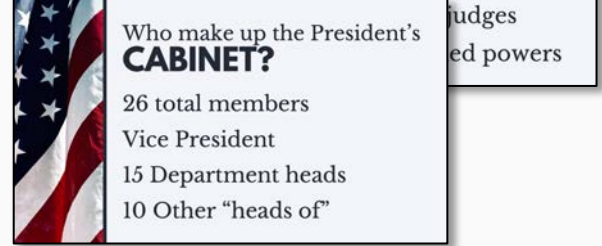
Basics of the EXECUTIVE

LECTURE KIT

75-slide deck covering

- ✓ Origins & Requirements
- ✓ Founder's Intentions
- ✓ Official & Unofficial Roles
- ✓ Expressed & Implied Powers
- ✓ Role of Vice President
- ✓ Role of Cabinet
- ✓ Historical & recent examples

If you're new to Civics, this is a MUST-HAVE!

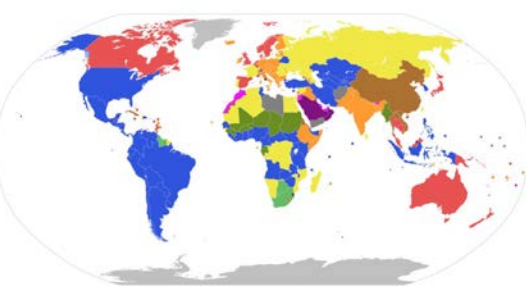


TAKE A PEEK *inside*

Constitution excerpts to see powers listed

The President shall be **commander in chief** of the **Army and Navy** of the United States. He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to **make treaties**, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall **appoint ambassadors**.

ORIGINALLY...
There was no executive branch and thus, **no** executive leader



Comparisons with international and past systems for greater contextual understanding

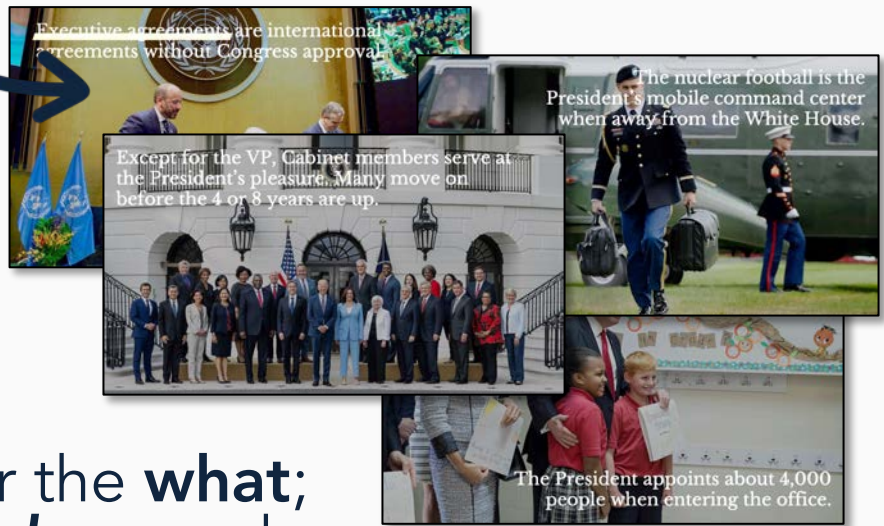
Pause-and-think questions throughout

Out of these 6 roles, which should be **increased** or **strengthened** in some way? Why?

Real-life recent examples of all powers and actions

By contrast, the Canadian Parliament appoints its chief of government.

Easy-to-follow slides with extensive teacher script with all sorts of bonus info



OFFICIAL ROLES
Chief Executive
Chief Diplomat
Commander in Chief

VICE PRESIDENT
Elected on the Same Ticket
Second in Line to President

UNOFFICIAL ROLES
Head of State
Head of Party
"Leader of the Free World"

DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES HEADS
Advise and Act on behalf of the President
Run their Department

Don't just cover the **what**; elicit the **why, how** and **so, what**

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

podcast kit

This is the **perfect alternative** to exhausting lectures, rapid-fire YouTube videos, and your dry textbook.

Especially to add **student choice** for how they learn the content!

TOPICS COVERED

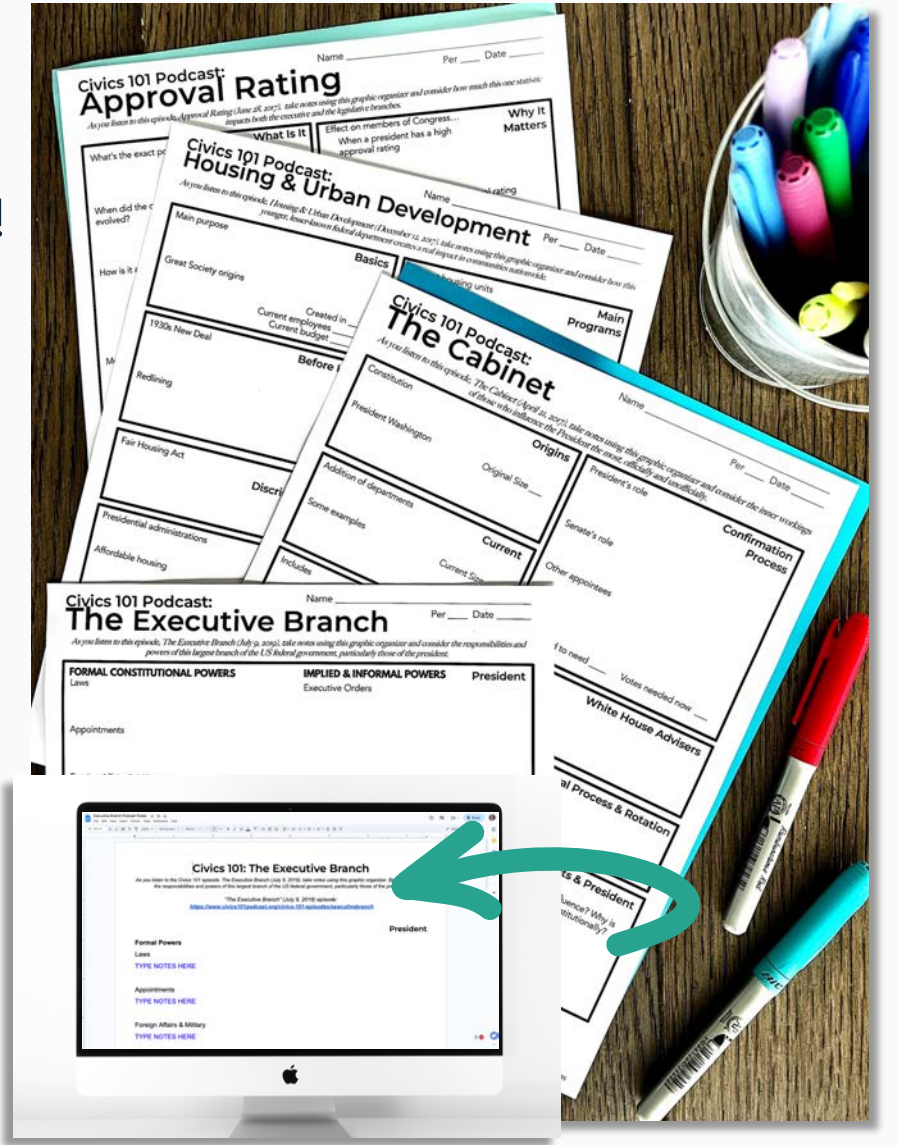
Executive Branch overview, including Formal & Implied Powers of the President

Role of Cabinet & White House Advisers

Functions of Federal Departments & Examination of One Department (HUD)

Importance of the Presidential Approval Rating

GUIDED NOTES WITH ANSWER KEYS



3 POWERS & ROLES OF THE President

Gone over the basics of the Executive Branch, now what? This kit covers the **Presidential roles, powers, & duties** in just a couple days.

Multiple **activity options and accommodations** are also included!

TOPICS COVERED

Article II expressed powers of the President

9 Official & unofficial roles of the President with multiple **real-life examples** of each

Presidential checks on the other branches

Inner workings of how the President *really* gets things done (and not done!)

PDF & GOOGLE FILES OF ALL STUDENT MATERIALS



TAKE A FURTHER PEEK *inside*

WHAT ELSE DOES THE PRESIDENT DO?
Some of the "hats" the President wears are beyond the scope of the Constitution and have developed over the last century, as what it means to be President has greatly changed in the modern era than what the Framers can imagine.

For each of these informal roles of the President, jot down specific duties and responsibilities it involves in the modern era and real-life examples of them.

UNOFFICIAL ROLE	ASSIGNED DUTIES	REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES
Chief Citizen Head of State		
Chief Guardian of the Economy		
Head of Party		
World Leader		
The role or position of the President		
The most obvious role of the President		
The power of the President		

The Executive Branch Roles & Powers of the President
The Framers knew the nation needed a powerful single leader despite memories of a "tyrannical" king still being fresh. So, they created a president with expansive powers and clear limitations. Over time, the position has acquired many more "hats" or implied powers.

For each of these roles and related powers of the president, translate the Constitutional language into its understood expressed powers. Then, as you learn about additional implied or informal powers that presidents have added over time and real-life examples of both, jot those down.

OFFICIAL ROLE	CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT	EXPRESSED POWERS & DUTIES	ADDITIONAL POWERS & DUTIES	REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES
Chief Executive Head of Government	The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.	He shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint and remove such inferior Officers, as he may think proper, but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts, or in the Judges of such inferior Courts, or in the Heads of Departments.	He may require the Opinion, in Writing, of the principal Officers in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices.	

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN
Becoming president amidst a global pandemic certainly means focusing on health issues, but President Biden used it to also lean into economic policies. He pushed for a three-part plan he called Build Back Better—consisting of the American Rescue, Jobs, and Families Plans.

The Rescue part provided COVID-19 relief, which he signed in his first 100 days. The Jobs part was an infrastructure and climate change proposal. The Families part were socioeconomic policies like universal preschool, paid family leave, and affordable housing. These "bottom-up" policies aimed to help the poor and middle class are central to the modern Democrat platform.

The second two proved too liberal and expensive for Congress. The infrastructure bill passed, but the Families part was rejected. The Jobs part is still in progress.

The Build Back Better plan is a key part of Biden's agenda. It includes provisions for universal preschool, paid family leave, and affordable housing. These policies are aimed at helping the poor and middle class, and are central to the modern Democrat platform.

Stations to learn about all sorts of landmark executive actions

Small-group or or whole-class hat-matching competition

Multiple options for how to do each activity!

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S WASHINGTON DC MLK RIOTS
When Martin Luther King Jr. was shot on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, the city was in a state of chaos. President Johnson ordered federal troops to be sent to Washington, D.C. to maintain order during the riots.

President Johnson's actions during the riots were controversial. He ordered the use of tear gas and other forceful measures to clear the streets. This led to the deaths of several people and the injury of many others.

Johnson's actions during the riots have been widely criticized. Many people believe that he should have used more peaceful means to resolve the situation.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

simulation

Few understand how the Electoral College *really* operates. Or that several alternatives exist that *don't* require a Constitutional amendment.

Explore them all in this **fun dice-rolling, chip-snacking simulation!**

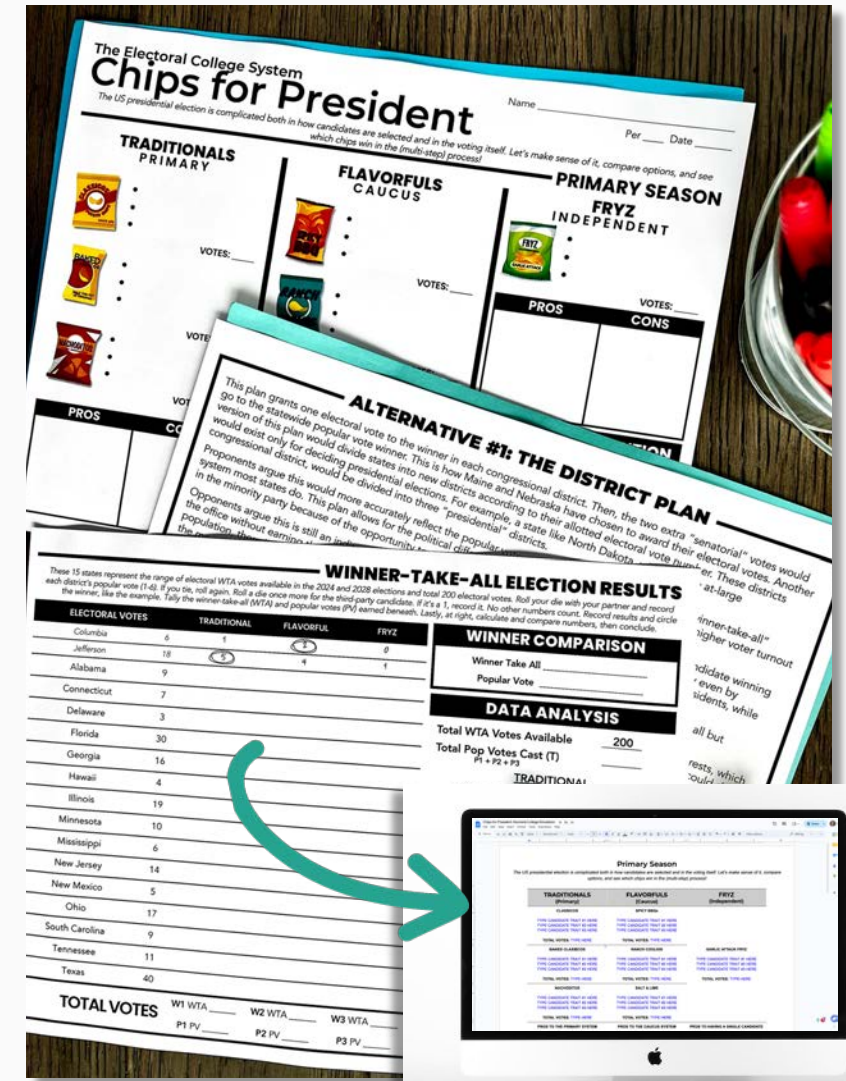
TOPICS COVERED

Primary & caucus methods for selecting nominees

Role of third-party candidates in election outcomes depending on counting method

Current **Winner-Take-All** system used

Three alternatives: **District Plan, Proportional Plan, and the National Popular Vote Compact**



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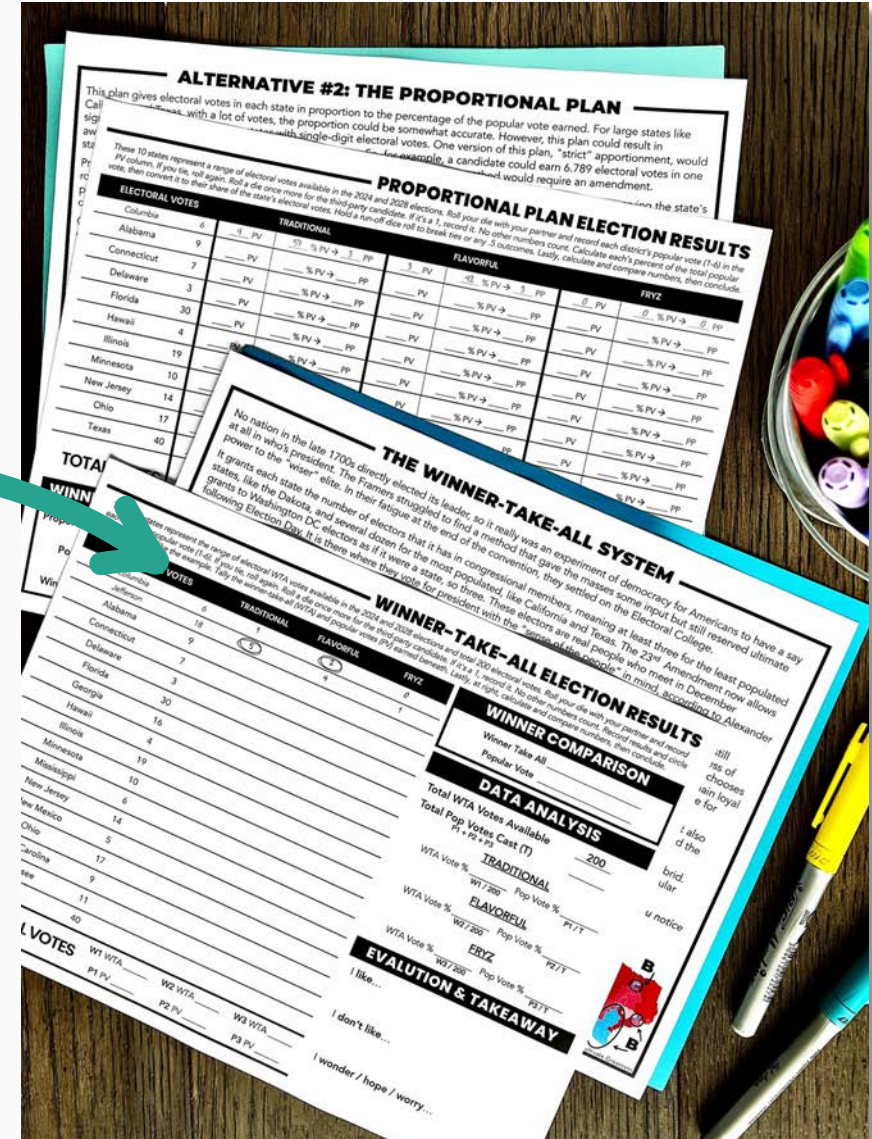
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Simulate Primary/
Caucus season with
potato chip candidates

Calculate how they
perform on Election Day
using 4 counting
methods

Multiple options for
how to do each
activity!



5 CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

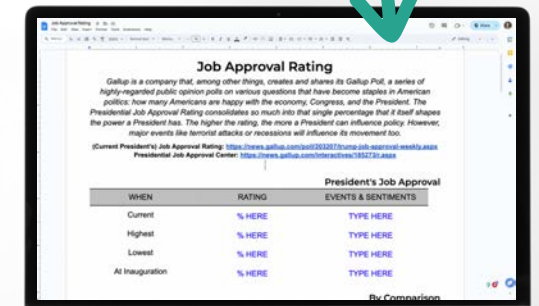
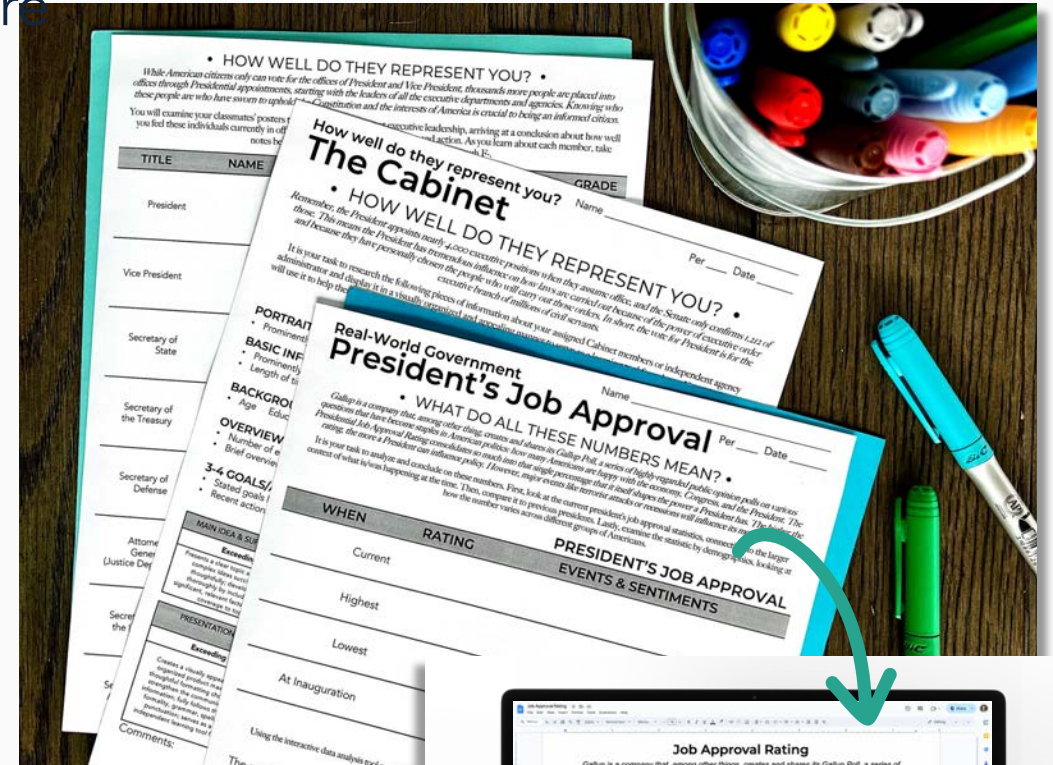
activities

Examine the **current President and administration**, both what they're doing and how popular they are with the American people

2-PART KIT INCLUDES

- ✓ **Presidential Approval Rating:** explore this term-defining important statistic
- ✓ **Current Cabinet Members:** research Cabinet members, creating one-pagers for a gallery walk on who's currently running the government
- ✓ **Teacher Supports:** Step-by-step detailed lesson plans, helpful links, rubrics, and sample one-pager poster

THESE TWO BONUS ACTIVITIES AREN'T SOLD SEPARATELY



ELECTORAL COLLEGE

research PBL

Explore this constitutional issue first-hand as your students **take on the role of advisors** to the President.

Students **research & write thesis-driven essays** recommending whether to abolish, alter, or maintain the Electoral College.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Background Information Readings

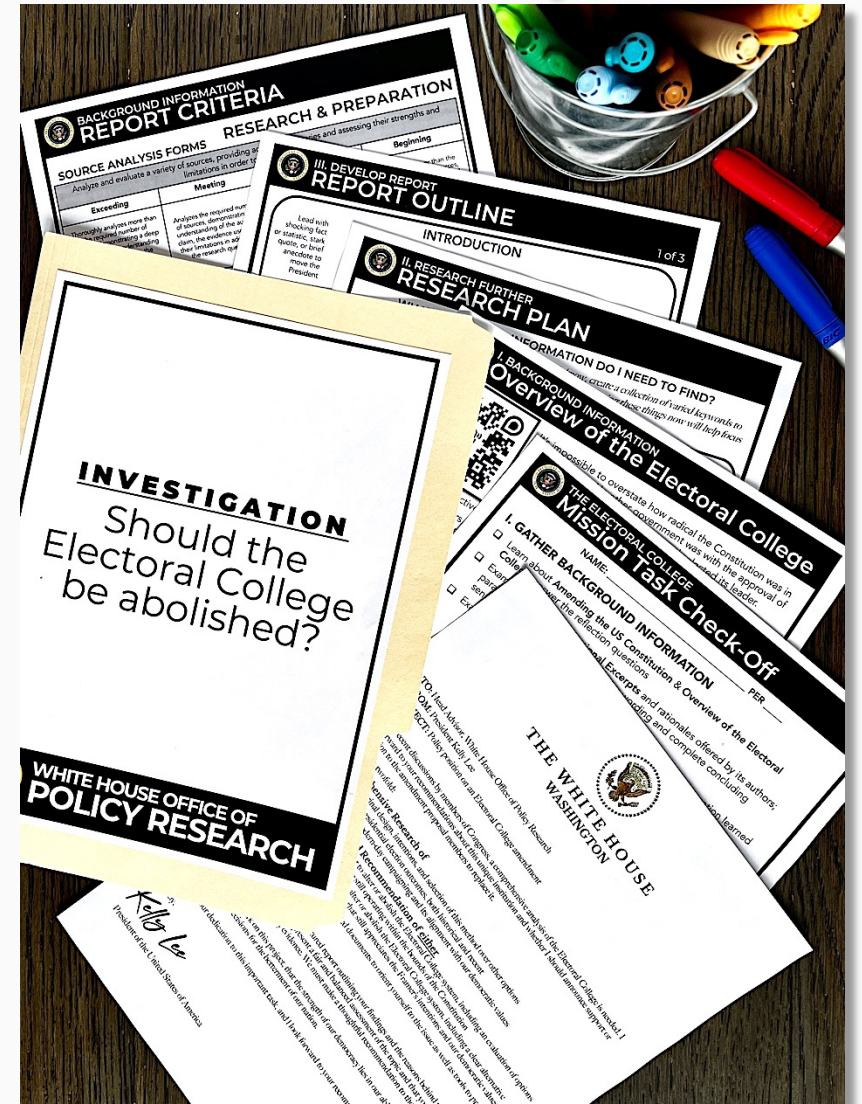
Constitution & Federalist Paper Excerpts

Project Check-Off, Research, & Planning Forms

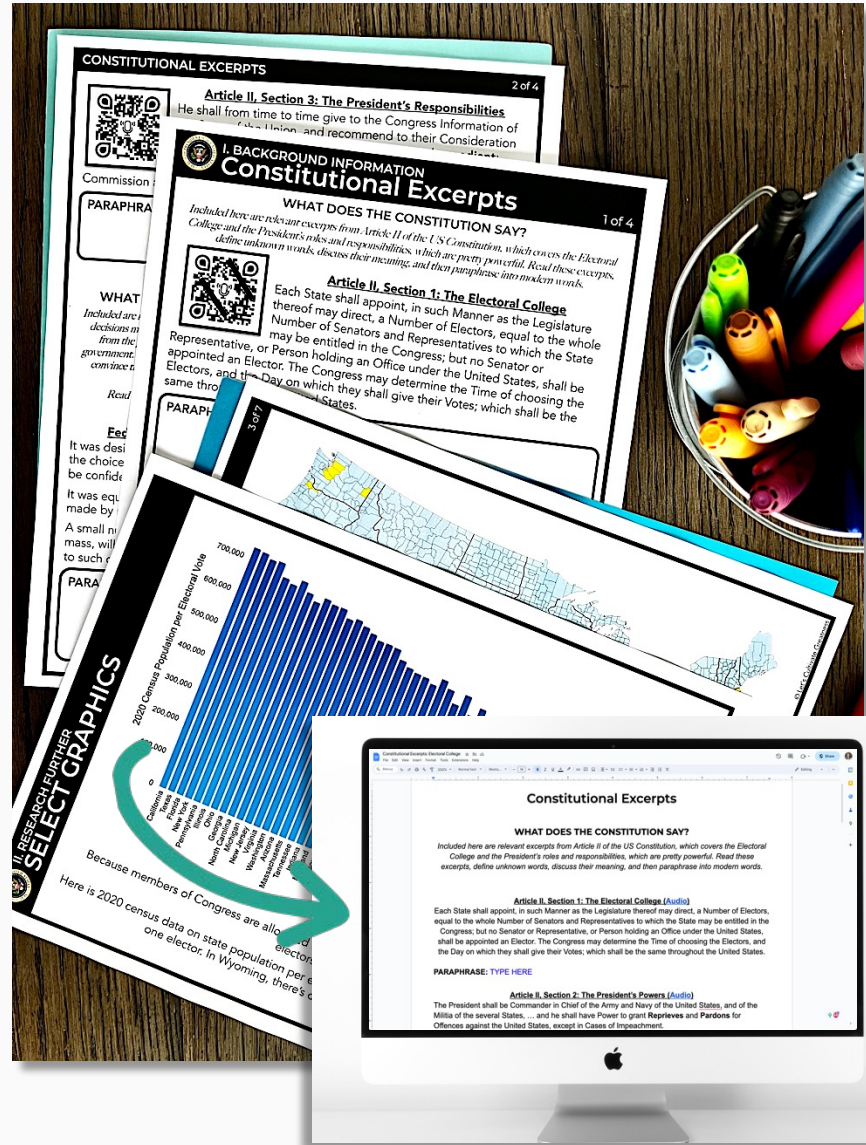
Student-Friendly Rubrics & Self-Assessment

How-To Skill Reference Sheets

Supports & Scaffolds Throughout



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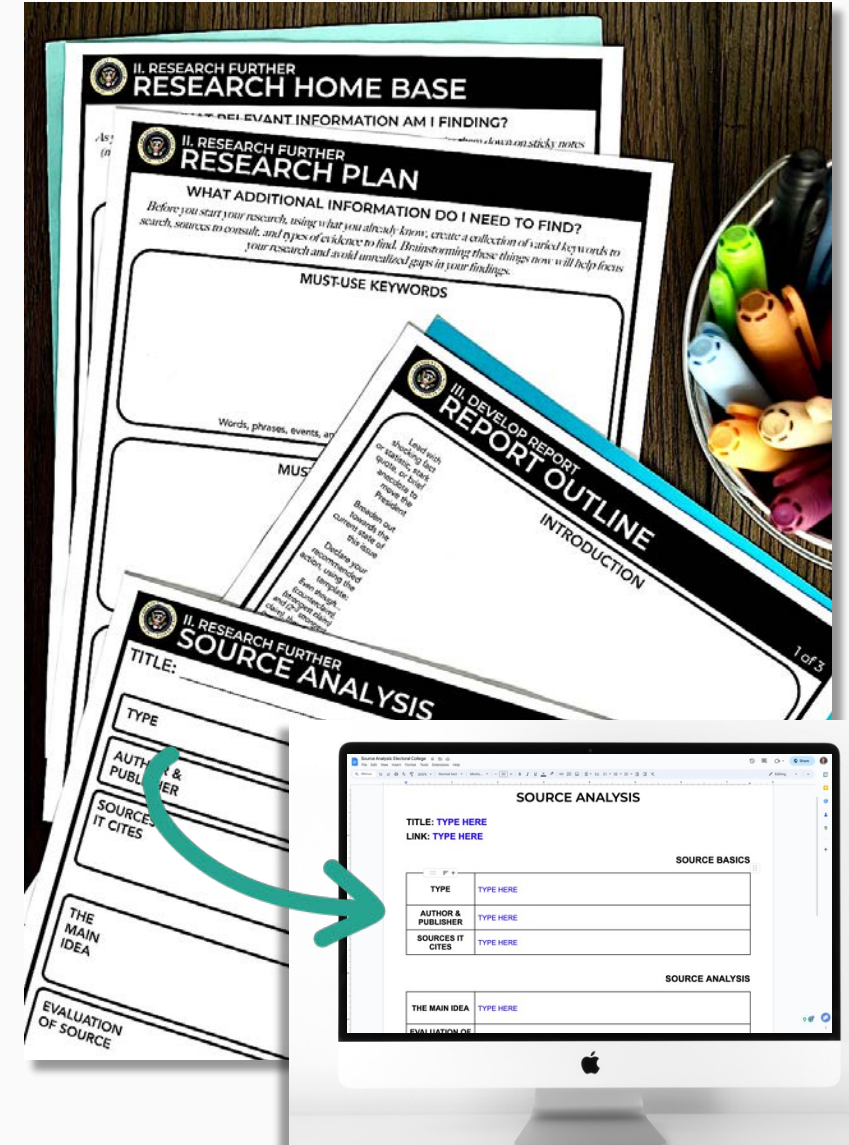


Step-by-step teacher and student directions

Background readings & provided data displays
Research notes graphic organizers

Writing outline form and supports

Makes a perfect **unit assessment** or **capstone research project!**



REVIEW CARD DECK

with games

This is the perfect non-screen tool to help students **refresh, solidify, and more deeply understand** the inner workings of the Executive Branch!

KIT INCLUDES

56 concept and description cards

Header title cards for sorting

28 image cards

10+ review game ideas

Make-your-own template cards

ENCOURAGE COOPERATION & STUDENT TALK WITH THESE NON-SCREEN GAMES



Create Individual Flip Decks



Sort Into Categories

Match Concepts with Images

FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

Will this work for middle school?

These activities are designed for and written at a **high school level**. If your students are advanced or you are willing to make edits, it may work. I use these materials with my very mixed-ability on-level 12th grade Civics class.

Look closely at the previews or purchase one of the resources to sample. If you end up getting this unit bundle, you can **request a refund** from TPT for that resource.

Is this editable?

Yes! Each activity comes with a digital Google file version that is editable for the exclusive purpose for you to customize it to meet your students needs.

Is there a pacing guide?

No. This is a **unit bundle**, meaning it's a collection of all the **standalone resources** you need to cover this topic well. Each resource lists an overall suggested time allotment and suggested times for each segment of the lesson sequence.

Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

The preview and product description are **extremely detailed**—be sure to take a close look. Also, know that all student materials come with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to **leave a Q&A!**

How is this different from the units in the LCG full-course curriculum?

This bundle contains **plug-and-play resources**, meaning each are self-contained and they're perfect to use interchangeably with your existing materials. They also dive a bit deeper, ensuring full coverage of even the most stringent state standards.

The full-course units each center on inquiry questions, covering topics but all through a lens of the inquiry. Those units are best for teachers in a more flexible situation who want to try a more inquiry-driven approach.