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## US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #14 HOW PRESIDENTS GOVERN

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

cabinet	bureaucracy	administrative	policy	reserve
order	staff	pulpit	democratic	postal

- ☐ 1. Technically the entire federal \_\_\_\_\_ is part of the executive branch
- ☐ 2. The President is served directly by the White House \_\_\_\_\_, which is made up mostly of trusted policy and political advisors called "special assistants."
- ☐ 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ used to be very important in advising the President, and it's still can be, but that depends on the President.
- ☐ 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ service is one of the oldest functioning government agencies, although it's now a government corporation, which means it's supposed to earn money and be self-funding.
- ☐ 5. The most important independent federal agency is the Federal \_\_\_\_\_ system, which manages banking and monetary policy.
- ☐ 6. The President is the leader of his political party, and can use it to create and manage \_\_\_\_\_, especially in Congress, where party matters a lot.
- ☐ 7. This use of the media is sometimes called the bully \_\_\_\_\_ and it sounds like a big policy stick.
- ☐ 8. The third tool that the President can use to get things done, \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.
- ☐ 9. The most important administrative strategy that the President has at his disposal is the executive \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 10. The third argument in favor of a powerful president is that he's the only nationally elected official and thus the most \_\_\_\_\_ one.



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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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- ☐ 8. The third tool that the President can use to get things done, \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.
- ☐ 9. The most important administrative strategy that the President has at his disposal is the executive \_\_\_\_\_.
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**Answer Key**

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- ☐ 3. The Cabinet used to be very important in advising the President, and it's still can be, but that depends on the President.
- ☐ 4. The postal service is one of the oldest functioning government agencies, although it's now a government corporation, which means it's supposed to earn money and be self-funding.
- ☐ 5. The most important independent federal agency is the Federal Reserve system, which manages banking and monetary policy.
- ☐ 6. The President is the leader of his political party, and can use it to create and manage policy, especially in Congress, where party matters a lot.
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- ☐ 8. The third tool that the President can use to get things done, administrative strategy.
- ☐ 9. The most important administrative strategy that the President has at his disposal is the executive order.
- ☐ 10. The third argument in favor of a powerful president is that he's the only nationally elected official and thus the most democratic one.