

Democracy for Daisies

Find out about national government

Who Can Be President?

There are three big rules about who is allowed to be president of the United States.

The president must:

- 1. Be born a citizen of the United States.**
- 2. Be at least 35 years old.**
- 3. Have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.**

That's it! The president can be a man or a woman. It doesn't matter where in the United States they live, what they look like, or anything else. Have you ever thought that you'd like to be president one day? Or do you know someone who you think might make a great president?

The government for the whole country is called the national government. Just like the state government, it has three branches. One branch is the office of the president. People over the age of 18 can vote for president of the United States every four years.

Do you know who the president is now? Learn more about presidents in this step.

Make the president's house. Every president moves into the White House. It is a special house in the capital of the United States, Washington, D.C. They live there until a new president is elected.

With your family or Girl Scout friends, draw or paint your own picture of it or build it out of modeling clay.

You can choose a photo on the next page to draw, paint, or model.

The White House



Northern facade with a columned portico facing Lafayette Square
https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/about_the_white_house.jpg



Southern facade with a semi-circular portico facing the South Lawn and The Ellipse
https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/white_house_grounds.jpg