

Hats of the Presidency

Role	What it means	Responsibility
Chief of State	The president is the ceremonial figurehead of the government.	Leaders of foreign nations visit the US - the president must greet them and entertain them. Ceremonial duties (Thanksgiving turkey) Give "State of the Union" address every year.
Chief Administrator	The president is the head of the executive branch.	The "boss" of the federal government.
Chief Diplomat	The president works with foreign leaders to develop foreign policy.	Negotiate treaties and trade agreements. Travels to other nations and represents the US.
Commander in Chief	The president is the head of all the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines)	Final authority over the military's actions. Can decide where to send troops. Give permission to launch nuclear weapons. BUT CANNOT declare war
Chief Legislator	The president makes recommendations to congress about types of laws they should be considering.	President can veto laws that Congress attempts to pass. President can sign laws.
Chief of Party	The president acts as the head of the party they are elected to represent.	Meet with members of the party and communicate ideas and keep them up to speed on what is going on.
Chief Citizen	The president should provide an example of moral character and integrity for others to follow.	Become "face of the nation" Other countries think about the US based on how the president acts.