Executive Branch

All right, students, are you ready to interview some influential past government officials that will help you complete your research on the three branches of the United States government?

Yeah!

On the count of three, click those pens to travel through time and begin your interviews. One, two, three, click!

Welcome to 1797. My name is John Adams, the _ _____ of the United States, but the first to live in the _____ _. I'm glad you could drop in for this interview.

I'm excited to be here. I'm Akil, and I can't wait to learn about the executive branch. Can you tell me about the job of a president?

Absolutely. Our Number one job as President of the United States is to _____.

How do you _____?

Presidents _____ leaders to head federal agencies which _____ and _____ laws passed by Congress.

Wow, that sounds like a lot of work.

Word Bank

appoint	enforce our country's laws	White House
carry out	enforce the laws	
enforce	second	

It sure is, and that's not all.

There's more?

As the president, we are also the _ _____ of the U .S. _____. We negotiate and sign _____ with other countries, and we_____ bills passed by Congress.

I can't believe all of the different jobs presidents have. If you do a good job, can you be president your whole life?

___, you _____serve your whole life. After the 22nd Amendment was passed, the president can _____ serve for _____ _____ _- year terms.

I bet _____terms is exhausting when you have so much to do anyway.

It definitely can be, but we do have other members of the executive branch to help ease our burden. Let's go meet another president before you have to get back.

Word Bank

approve or veto	no
cannot	only
Commander-in-Chief	treaties
four	two
military	two

Welcome to the modern White House. I'm Ronald Reagan, and while John Adams was the first to live in the White House, I was the first United States president to nominate a woman to the _____.

It's nice to meet you, sir. My name is Akil.

And I'm John Adams. I was just telling our friend here that our job may be difficult, but we have a lot of members of the executive branch to help.

Oh, absolutely. For example, we have the _ _____who takes over if something happens to the president and also gives their advice.

So we have the president, _____and who else?

The _____ _.

The _____ role is to serve as an _____ to the president. The_____ has many departments with the largest being the Department of _____.

I'm glad presidents don't have to run the country all alone.

Definitely not. We rely on other members of the executive branch, as well as the other two branches, to run our country well, even when we don't agree with each other.

Don't agree?

We can talk more about that when we return. Off we go.

Well, students, any questions?

Word Bank

advisor	Defense
cabinet	Supreme Court
cabinet	Vice President
cabinet's	Vice President