

Read-Along Teach-Along: Who is the President?

There are three branches of government: the executive, the legislative, and the judicial.

The judicial branch is the **courts**. From the supreme court down to the district courts, the judicial branch is made up of **judges**.

The legislative branch is the **Congress**. Every state gets to send two senators to the **Senate**, and every district gets to send one representative to the **House of Representatives**. The senate and the house, together, are the **Congress**.

The executive branch is the **President**, the Vice President, the President's cabinet, and the executive **departments**. The President of the United States is the head of **government**, the head of **state**, the commander-in-chief of the **military**, the chief **diplomat**, and the head of his **political party**. He is also in charge of all the executive departments, like the Department of Defense, the State Department, the Department of Justice, and twelve others.

The President lives and works in the **White House**. He flies on an airplane called **Air Force One**. When a President gets chosen, he can have the job for **four years**. If he gets chosen again at the end of four years, he can have another **four years**, but then he has to **quit**, and he can never be President again.

In order to be President, a person must have been born in the **USA**, must be the age of **35 or older**, and must have lived in the USA for at least **14 years**.

Challenge Questions:

1. What are all fifteen executive departments?
2. What is a diplomat?
3. Look online for a picture of the White House and a picture of Air Force One.
4. Would you want to be President?
5. The president makes \$400K per year. Is that too much or too little?

Sing: The Presidents of the United States