

# Vocabulary Activity

## The Executive Branch

### Content Vocabulary

1. **DIRECTIONS:** Use this graphic organizer to define and describe the three terms shown. Include explanations of how the three types of system are related. Use the terms **spoils system**, **civil service system**, and **merit system** in your answers.

Spoils system	Civil service system	Merit system

2. **DIRECTIONS:** Use this graphic organizer to describe the three types of groups. Use the terms **regulatory commission**, **independent agency**, and **government corporation** in your answers. Include one example of each type of group.

Type of Group	Description
Regulatory commission	
Independent agency	
Government corporation	

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**DIRECTIONS:** In the space provided before each word in the left column, write the letter of the correct definition.

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| _____ 3. <b>elector</b>              | a. a rule or command the president issues that has the force of law                                   |
| _____ 4. <b>treaty</b>               | b. an official representative of a country's government   |
| _____ 5. <b>ambassador</b>           | c. a declaration of forgiveness and freedom from punishment   |
| _____ 6. <b>pardon</b>               | d. an order to delay a person's punishment until a higher court can hear an appeal on the case        |
| _____ 7. <b>executive order</b>      | e. involved with the protection of the nation and its people  |
| _____ 8. <b>amnesty</b>              | f. a formal agreement between the governments of two or more countries                                |
| _____ 9. <b>reprieve</b>             | g. a group of presidential advisers that includes the heads of the executive departments              |
| _____ 10. <b>negotiate</b>           | h. person appointed by their party to vote in presidential elections for president and vice president |
| _____ 11. <b>national security</b>   | i. a person appointed to a federal position by the president  |
| _____ 12. <b>cabinet</b>             | j. to work with other parties to come to an agreement on something                                    |
| _____ 13. <b>political appointee</b> | k. a pardon for a group of people   |

**14. DIRECTIONS:** Read the following sentences, and explain what the terms line of succession and federal bureaucracy mean based on the information in the passage. Use the chart to write your explanations.

When President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, his vice president Andrew Johnson was next in the **line of succession**. Johnson became president and head of the **federal bureaucracy** after only six weeks in office. He did not run for a second term, and his first and only term ended in 1869.

Term	Explanation
line of succession	
federal bureaucracy	

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#### Academic Vocabulary

**DIRECTIONS:** From the vocabulary list, choose the best word to answer each question.

**civilian, deference, implement, monitor, specific**

15. Which word is a synonym for *respect*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Which word means “to oversee something”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. Which word means “someone who does not serve in the armed forces”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. Which word is another way of saying *definite*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. Which word means “to put something into practice”?