

PRIMARY SOURCES

One-Paragraph Primary Source—Multiple Choice

Directions: Read this excerpt from the Constitution of the United States. Then choose the best answer to each question.

“Article II. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years. . . . The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several states. . . . He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for.”

- 1 According to this excerpt, the President of the United States is elected to serve a term of _____.
A 2 years
B 4 years
C 6 years
D 8 years
- 2 The President is the leader of the _____.
A Senate
B Congress
C Supreme Court
D Army and Navy
- 3 The President can make treaties with other countries if the treaty is approved by _____.
A two-thirds of the Senate
B the judges of the Supreme Court
C ambassadors and consuls to that country
D the army and navy
- 4 With the Senate’s approval, the President can appoint which of the following?
A generals in the U.S. Army
B Supreme Court Justices
C admirals in the U.S. Navy
D two Senators from each state

Test Your Knowledge

In what ways can the legislative branch of the U.S. government impose checks and balances on the President of the United States?