**CE.6a - Executive Branch**

**Executive Branch – Enforces or Carries out the Law**

* President
* Vice President
* Cabinet
  + Help president carry out the laws
    - Departments, agencies, and regulatory groups

**Duties:**

- Executes the laws of the land

- Prepares the annual budget for congressional action

- Appoints cabinet officers, ambassadors and federal judges

- Administers the federal bureaucracy

**Develops Policy:** Government’s plan for dealing with issues

* Gov’t Policy often reflects the views of a political party
* **Republican Policy:** Private sector helps people more
  + Strong Defense, limit immigration, lower taxes, traditional values, smaller government
* **Democratic Policy:** Government helps people more
  + Expand government to help people, extend Civil Rights,

**President Influences Gov’t Policy**

* Proposes Legislation (laws)
* Appeals to the people (TV, “state of the union”)
* Sign or Veto Laws
* Appoints Judges and Officials

**Basic Jobs**

* Proposes a Budget
* Administers Federal bureaucracy

**President’s Titles**

* **Chief of State:**
  + Head of gov’t
* **Chief Executive:**
  + Head of Executive branch
* **Chief Legislator:**
  + Head of making laws
* **Chief of Party:**
  + Head of his political party
* **Chief Diplomat:**
  + Main representative for talking to other countries
* **Commander-in-chief:**
  + Head of Military