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I’VE GOT THE POWER!

One column below has a list of President’s responsibilities. The other column has a list of powers the Constitution gives to the President.

Directions: Match each responsibility with the

correct Constitutional power.



**The President’s Responsibilities**

**1) \_\_\_\_ Lead weekly meetings where I ask the**

**leaders of the government offices (called**

**“agencies”) for their advice on how to**

**handle the country’s most difficult problems**

**2) \_\_\_\_ Give my yearly “State of Union” speech**

**on what’s happening in the U.S.**

**3) \_\_\_\_ Decide whether to approve or reject a**

**bill that I believe would help millions**

**of people, but costs a lot of money.**

**4) \_\_\_\_ Follow the Constitution and the law even**

**if I disagree with it.**

**5) \_\_\_\_ Decide whether to send more troops into**

**war knowing that some will die, but it**

**will keep the country safe.**

**6) \_\_\_\_ Make sure the IRS (the government**

**agency that collects taxes) collects**

**people’s taxes correctly, so the**

**government has money to do its job.**

**7) \_\_\_\_ Hold a press conference where I ask**

**congress to do more.**

**8) \_\_\_\_ Decide whether to let someone go from**

**jail because there is new evidence the trial**

**was unfair, even though I don’t know if**

**the person is quality of the crime.**

**9) \_\_\_\_Try to negotiate an agreement with another**

**country that would reduce both countries’**

**nuclear weapons.**

**10) \_\_\_\_ Choose a new Supreme Court justice**

**because someone on the Court is retiring.**

**Presidential Powers Listed**

**in the Constitution:**

**A. Power to carry out the laws**

**B. Must live by the Constitution**

**C. Commander-In-Chief of the**

**military**

**D. Ask his advisors, who lead**

**parts of the government, for**

**their opinion on different**

**issues**

**E. Can pardon someone for a**

**crime, which gets them out**

**of jail or stops the death**

**penalty**

**F. Can make treaties with other**

**countries (with Senate**

**approval)**

**G. Can choose new Supreme**

**Court justices (with Senate**

**approval)**

**H. Make recommendations to**

**Congress about what bills**

**to work on**

**I. Up date Congress on how**

**things are going in the**

**country**

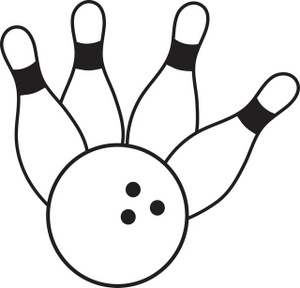
**J. Sign (approve) or veto**

**(reject) bills from Congress**

**Imagine you have been elected President of the United States. What do you think would be the best part of the job? Having your own personal jet? Living in the White House? Have a bowling alley in your house? (Yes, there’s a one lane bowling alley in the basement of the White House)**

**Being president is not just fun and games. You have real responsibilities. Below is a list of things you would do as president of the United States. Which do you think would be the hardest to do? Which do you think would be the easiest?**

**Directions: Identify the powers and responsibilities of the president and executive branch. Rank the tasks in each group from 1 (hardest) to 3 (easiest). There is no correct answer! Use your own judgment.**



**Group A**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Lead weekly meetings where I ask the leaders of the government offices**

**(called “agencies”) for their advice on how to handle the country’s most**

**difficult problems.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Give my yearly “State of The Union” speech on what’s happening in the U.S.,**

**which is broadcast live on television.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Decide whether to approve or reject a bill that I believe would help millions of**

**people, but costs a lot of money.**

**Group B**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Follow the Constitution and the law even if I disagree with it.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Decide whether to send more troops into war knowing that some will die,**

**but it will keep the country safe.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure the IRS (the government agency that collects taxes) collects**

**people’s taxes correctly, so the government has money to do its job.**

**Group C**

**\_\_\_\_\_** **Answer difficult questions from reporters at a press conference where**

**I’m asking Congress to do more.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Try to negotiate an agreement with another country that would reduce**

**both countries’ nuclear weapons.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Choose a new Supreme Court justice because someone on the Court is retiring.**