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# Which Hat?

**You have learned about the seven "hats," or roles, of the President. Research a past President to see how he wore some of those hats!**

## The 7 Hats of the President are:

### ■ Chief of the Executive Branch

As the nation's Chief Executive, the President oversees the major offices of the U.S. government and makes sure its laws are being followed. The President also appoints advisers who make up what's known as the President's Cabinet. These advisers handle everything from defense to education and work very closely with the President. The President also picks federal judges and Supreme Court Justices, who must be approved by the Senate.

### ■ Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces

The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard all follow the orders of the President. It is his or her job to defend the nation during war, and to keep the nation strong during peacetime. He or she can send troops into action in emergencies, but cannot declare war against another country without the approval of Congress.

### ■ Head of State

The President is the most important representative of our country. He or she travels all over the U.S. and the world, giving speeches and meeting with officials. On a typical day, the President may call the Super Bowl winners to congratulate them and invite world leaders to dinner at the White House.

### ■ Director of Foreign Policy

The President decides how the United States will interact with other nations. This role includes deciding whether or not to make agreements with other nations, sending money to countries that need help, and meeting with representatives from other nations.

### ■ Political Party Leader

The President plays a key role in shaping his or her political party's positions on the issues. Presidents also use their influence to raise money for their political party, and they support other members of the party who are running for office.

### ■ Guardian of the Economy

After the Great Depression of the 1930s, Presidents took on a greater role in watching over America's economy. Presidents establish economic programs to make sure Americans have jobs. They encourage Congress to raise or lower taxes.

### ■ Legislative Leader

Presidents can recommend laws to Congress. They also have the right to veto, or reject, laws that Congress passes. Congress can override a veto by a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate.

## I will research President

### 1. One action or decision this President was known for was:

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### Which "hat" does this represent?

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### How do you know?

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### 2. Another action or decision this President was known for was:

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