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Instructions:

1. Answer the questions.
2. Save the completed worksheet as a pdf or jpeg file and submit it to your Flex course.

1. I can name the mayor of my town.

Parent sign when completed _____

2. With a parent, discuss the role of the mayor and the city council.

Parent sign when completed _____

3. I can name the governor of Minnesota.

Parent sign when completed _____

4. I can name the president of the United States of America.

Parent sign when completed _____

Governor of Minnesota

The Governor of Minnesota is the chief executive of the state of Minnesota, leading the state's executive branch. Alexander Ramsey, the first territorial governor, also served as state governor several years later. State governors are elected to office by popular vote. The state constitution outlines the powers and responsibilities of each branch of state government.

Like the U.S. President, the governor has veto power over bills passed by the Minnesota State Legislature. This means that the governor has a constitutional right to reject a bill or decision made by the legislature.

The governor of Minnesota must be 25 years old upon assuming office, and must have been a Minnesota resident for one year before the election.

Since a 1958 amendment to the Minnesota Constitution governors are elected to four-year terms. Previously, they served two-year terms. There is no term limit for governor of the state. The governor has a cabinet consisting of the leaders of various state departments, and the governor appoints these department heads.

5. The governor is in charge of the _____ branch of state government.

- a. legislative
- b. judicial
- c. executive

6. A governor's powers are determined by _____.

- a. the U.S. Constitution
- b. the state constitution
- c. the state legislature

7. A governor may _____.

- a. be younger than 25 years old
- b. refuse to sign a bill
- c. serve for more than 8 years

President of the United States

The President of the United States of America is the head of state and head of government of the United States. The office of President was created in the United States Constitution in 1788. The first President was George Washington, who took office in 1789. The President serves as chief executive and is in charge of the executive branch of the United States government. The United States Constitution makes the President the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. It also lists powers given to the President, though these powers have been expanded through practice over time.

Some of the President's responsibilities include enforcing laws passed by the United States Congress, nominating a Cabinet of advisors, and giving pardons or reprieves. With the agreement of the United States Senate, the President can make treaties, choose ambassadors to foreign countries, and select judges and justices of the Supreme Court.

8. A president's powers are determined by _____.
a. the U.S. Constitution
b. the state constitution
c. the state legislature
9. The president is in charge of the _____ branch of federal government.
a. legislative
b. judicial
c. executive
10. Which item is the President not responsible for?
a. Armed forces
b. Making laws
c. Making treaties