

The Presidency

Guided Reading Activity

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Section 2

READING THE SECTION

Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

1. As chief executive, a president has the power to issue an _____, or a formal regulation instructing executive branch officials on how to carry out their jobs. (**executive order/executive privilege**)
2. The president has the power to grant a _____, which postpones the carrying out of or reduces the length of a jail sentence. (**pardon/reprieve**)
3. The president can also _____ a convicted criminal, which releases him or her from having to fulfill a sentence. (**pardon/commute**)
4. In addition, the president can offer _____, which grants a group of offenders a general pardon for offenses committed. (**diplomatic recognition/amnesty**)

POST-READING QUICK CHECK

In your own words, write the definition of each term.

5. executive orders: _____

6. executive privilege: _____

7. diplomatic recognition: _____

8. commute: _____
