

**Reading Assignments for Unit 7 Power Points**  
**The Executive Branch at Work**

**Unit 7 Power Point Slides: 1 – 6 / Corresponding Text Pages: 192 – 194**

**Main Topics of these Power Points:**

1. Basic overview of the executive branch
2. The nation's largest employer
3. Definitions and descriptions of a bureaucracy

**Unit 7 Power Point Slides: 7 – 8 / Corresponding Text Pages: 194 – 195**

**Main Topics of these Power Points**

1. The civil service
2. The spoils system
3. The Pendleton Civil Service Act

**Unit 7 Power Point Slides: 9 – 14 / Corresponding Text Pages: 196 – 205**

**Main Topics of these Power Points**

1. The executive departments
2. The bureaucracy and the cabinet
3. Independent agencies: Executive Agencies, Regulatory Agencies, Government Corporations

**Unit 7 Power Point Slides: 15 – 35 / Corresponding Text Pages: 206 – 209**

**Main Topics of these Power Points**

1. Financing the government: how to pay for all of this
2. Taxes: Income, Payroll, Other taxes
3. Examining paycheck stubs for withdrawal of taxes
4. Government borrowing
5. Buying and selling government bonds
6. The federal debt

**Unit 7 Power Point Slides: 36 – 56 / Corresponding Text Pages: 209 – 213**

**Main Topics of these Power Points**

1. Government spending
2. Mandatory spending
3. Discretionary spending
4. The budget process
5. Basic economics (Economics 101)
6. Fiscal policy
7. Monetary policy
8. The Federal Reserve System
9. Reserve requirements and discount rates
10. Open market operations

**Unit 7 Review Questions: Students should be able to answer the following questions after having read the assigned text pages.**

1. What is the federal bureaucracy?
2. What is the civil service, and how has it changed over the years?
3. What is the purpose of the executive departments?
4. What are the primary functions of executive departments today?
5. What are independent agencies?
6. What are some of the issues regarding power and accountability in the federal bureaucracy?
7. How does the federal government pay for its operations?
8. What are the two types of spending?
9. How does the federal budget process work?
10. How do fiscal and monetary policy affect the nation's economy?