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# Who Has the Power?

Our national government is divided into three branches: Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The President is the head of the Executive Branch. The Vice President and Cabinet members are also part of the Executive Branch. The President appoints the Cabinet members, who head the 14 major departments of the government and give advice to the President.

## Position in Executive Branch

## Duties

*President: George W. Bush	*Suggests, signs and carries out laws; can veto bills; leads the armed forces; makes treaties with other nations; appoints or removes Cabinet officials
*Vice President: Dick Cheney	*Leads the U.S. Senate; becomes acting President if the President is unable to perform his duties

## Cabinet (Some of the 14 departments)

*Secretary of Defense: Donald Rumsfeld	*Supervises the training and equipment of the armed forces; assists when disasters strike
*Secretary of State: Colin Powell	*Advises on foreign affairs
*Attorney General: John Ashcroft	*Advises on legal matters; is the nation's chief law enforcement officer
*Secretary of Education: Rod Paige	*Works to improve schools

### Questions:

1. True or False? The President leads the Senate. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is Colin Powell's job? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are two powers of the President? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Bonus: Based on the descriptions above, who do you think should be involved in deciding how to handle the situation in Iraq? Explain your answer.