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THE ROLES & THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

Identify which role of the President based on the scenario.

1. President Richard M. Nixon visits China to improve relations with that country
2. President Bill Clinton balances the federal budget.
3. President Ronald Reagan campaigns for fellow Republicans running for Congress.
4. President George H.W. Bush entertains the Queen of England at the White House.
5. President John F. Kennedy issues an Executive Order to launch the Peace Corps.
6. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
7. President George W. Bush sends U.S. combat troops to Iraq.
8. President Barack Obama and his family honored Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service by helping a soup kitchen.

ROLES

Chief Executive
Chief Legislator
Chief of State
Commander-in-Chief
Chief Diplomat
Chief of Party
Chief Citizen
Chief Guardian of the
Economy

EXTRA, EXTRA: Answer the questions based on the scenario.

9. Egypt and Israel continue to fight and bring even more instability to the Middle East. You are very concerned about this situation and would like to rejuvenate the peace process in the Middle East. What **power** do you have in this situation, and what **role** grants you this power?
10. You have been following the career of a woman by the name of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Ginsberg was a professor at Rutgers University School of Law, Newark School of Law and Columbia Law School, a litigator for the ACLU, and a federal judge on the US of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. You feel that she is very fair and even-tempered, and you would like to give her a job as part of the Supreme Court. What **power** do you have in this situation, and what **role** grants you this power?
11. A bill has been sent to you by Congress that involves making talking while driving with any phone illegal. You disagree with this bill and absolutely do not want such a law passed. What **power** do you have in this situation, and what **role** grants you this power?
12. The Marquis de Lafayette, a foreign visitor from France, is scheduled to arrive at the White House today. You are planning to host a ceremonial dinner to welcome him. What **roles** grant you this power?

13. You have been given reconnaissance imagery revealing Soviet nuclear missile installations in Cuba. You feel these nuclear weapons pose an incredible danger.

TWO OPTIONS:

What **power** do you have in this situation, and what **role** grants you this power?

14. It is about that time when you need to address Congress and outline your agenda for the year. You also need this information broadcast to the people.

What annual **tradition** will you follow to deliver this information to Congress, and what **role** gives you this power?

15. It is December, and Washington, DC is buzzing with holiday spirit. You want to make sure the White House sticks with tradition and embraces this season. You plan to attend the annual tree lighting ceremony and intend to mark it on your calendar. What **role** will you be serving by taking part in this event?

Afterwards, you are going to go with your family to Camp David to relax for the break. What **role**?

16. You are passionate about a new health care program that you have developed, which contains several laws that you want Congress to pass. Since only members of Congress have the power to introduce bills for consideration, what can you do to persuade them to listen to your health care bill?

What **power** do you have in this situation, and what **role** grants you this power?

YOUR TURN: Create two scenarios of your own to share.

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