WHAT ARE THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT? TEACHER ANSWER KEY

Does the president have the power to do these activities?

BEFORE READING: *Check ONLY the activities that YOU think are within the power of the president.*

DURING READING: *Read the sections of the constitution about executive powers. As you read, change your answers to match what the constitution allows the president to do. Write down the article and section where you found your proof.*

Donald Trump has stated that he will:

1. _____ Consider stripping Americans of their citizenship if they burn the U.S. flag.

2. ___X___ Nominate a Supreme Court Judge to replace Antony Scalia. *He shall have the power to appoint ambassadors, ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court and other officers of the United States. (Article 2, Section 2).*

3. _____ Build a wall along our southern border to keep out illegal immigrants.

4. _____ Force Mexico to pay for the wall.

5. ___X___ Appoint people he trusts for the head of federal agencies. *He shall have the power to appoint ambassadors, ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court and other officers of the United States. (Article 2, Section 2).*

6. _____ Ban foreign Muslims from entering the US.

7. _____ Shut down parts of the Internet that recruit Americans to ISIS.

8. __X____ Make new economic treaties with other countries. *He shall have the power to make treaties (Article II, Section 2).*

9. ___X___ Not take his salary or a vacation during his presidency. *The President shall receive for his services a Compensation (Article II, Section 1).*

10. ___X___ Increase and strengthen the military as a world power. *The President shall be the Commander and Chief of the United States (Article II, Section 2).*

Source: Johnson, J. (2016). Here are 76 of Donald Trump's many campaign promises. *Washington Post*. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/01/22/here-are-76-of-donald-trumps-many-campaign-promises/?utm_term=.39bf45824eb0