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**Course: US History/Ms. Brown****Homeroom:**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade US History  
Standard # – Do Now – Day #83

**Aims:** SWBAT identify three precedents set by Washington's presidency  
 SWBAT correctly identify the first departments in the Cabinet and evaluate their roles

**DO NOW**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in complete and historically accurate sentences. Use your notes and knowledge of history. You **MUST** annotate your answers, which means cross off the question stem, capitalize the first letter, and cross off the question mark.



1<sup>st</sup> Amendment  
 speech, press, religion



2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment  
 right to bear arms



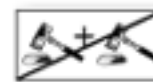
4<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
 search and seizure



5<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
 double jeopardy



6<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
 speedy and public trial



8<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
 cruel and unusual punishment



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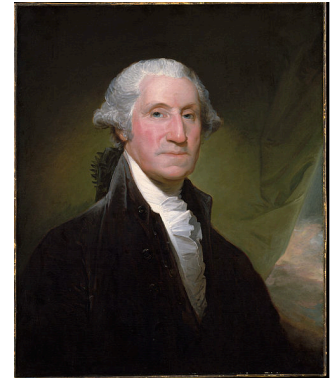
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**I. Vocabulary**

1. Precedent: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Overview**

George Washington was the commander of the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War (1775 – 1783) and the first President of the United States of America (1789 – 1897), for his central role in the formation of the United States; he is often referred to as “the father of his country”. The Electoral College elected Washington unanimously in 1789, and again in the 1792 election; he remains the only president to have received 100% of the electoral votes. Washington became President of the United States in 1789 and established many of the customs and usages of the new government’s executive department. The United States cabinet (usually referred to as the President’s Cabinet or simplified as the Cabinet) was started by President Washington and it composed of the most senior appointed officers of the executive branch of the federal government of the United States. George Washington appointed a Cabinet of four people (Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson; Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; Secretary of War Henry Knox; and Attorney General Edmund Randolph) to advise and assist him in his duties. He supported plans to build a strong central government by funding the national debt, implementing an effective tax system, and creating a national bank.



Washington attended carefully to the pomp and ceremony of office, making sure that the titles and trappings were suitably republican and never emulated European royal courts. To that end, he preferred the title “Mr. President” to the more majestic names suggested.

Washington proved an able administrator. An excellent delegator and judge of talent and character, Washington held regular cabinet meetings to debate issues before making a final decision. In handling routine tasks, he was “systematic, orderly, energetic, solicitous of the opinion of others, but decisive, intent upon general goals and the consistency of particular actions with them.

Washington reluctantly served a second term as president. He refused to run for a third, establishing the customary policy of a maximum of two terms for a president which later became law by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution.



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1. What was significant about Washington’s Presidential election?

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2. What title did Washington prefer to be called?

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3. How many terms did Washington serve as President?

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**3 Precedents set by George Washington**



1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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3) \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. Investigation: Using the text that follows, complete the following question, and the graphic organizer**

**First Cabinet**

President George Washington developed the Cabinet system by asking the heads of the existing three executive departments and the Attorney General to meet with him on a regular basis to discuss issues of importance and to report on their department’s work. The first four cabinet positions (1789) were: Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of State, Secretary of War and Attorney General.

The formation of departments is mentions in Article 2 Section 2 of our Constitution “he may require the option in writing of the principal officer in each of the executive departments upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices -.” As the country became larger and more complicated, other departments were added. At this time, we now have fourteen executive departments.



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1. What is the purpose of the cabinet?

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2. What are the three departments that form the Cabinet?

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#### IV. Graphic Organizer Scavenger Hunt

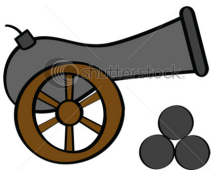
**Directions:** Use the word bank and the readings throughout the packet to help you match the correct role for each cabinet job.

The President has the power to appoint men and women to work with him/her in running the government and carrying out the laws of the nation. These people make up the President’s Cabinet. The members of the President’s Cabinet advise the President on all-important problems s/he must face. They also lead the departments for the Executive Branch of our government. Congress must give its approval to the men and women the President appoints before they can take office.



**Secretary of State:** S/he supervises the State Department, which works with foreign countries, decided on travel to countries, and protects U.S. citizens abroad

**Secretary of Treasury:** S/he supervises the Treasury Department, which has charge of the fiscal (money) responsibilities of the government, the Secret Service, and the collection of taxes



**Secretary of Defense:** S/he leads the Defense Department which sees that the nation is protected against its enemies and which works closely with all branches of the armed forces.

**Attorney General:** This person is the President’s main legal advisor in matters pertaining to the country. S/he sees that the laws are enforced and that the people receive justice. This person may appoint special investigation teams. S/he runs the Justice Department. (This is NOT the same as being a justice with the Supreme Court)





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<b>Job</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Person Who held The Job</b>
<b>President</b> <i>(head of the Executive Branch)</i>		
<b>Secretary of State</b> <i>(head of the State Department)</i>		
<b>Secretary of Treasury</b> <i>(head of the Department of the Treasury)</i>		
<b>Secretary of War</b> <i>(this is currently known as the Secretary of Defense)</i> <i>(Head of the Department of Defense)</i>		
<b>Attorney General</b> <i>(head of the Department of Justice)</i>		

Approves or vetoes acts of Congress and grants pardons  
 Advises president about the army and navy  
 Advises President and cabinet on legal matters  
 Crafts defense policy and enacts policy approved by the President  
 Makes national policies and budgets

Carries out President’s foreign policies  
 Head of the Department of Justice  
 Commander-in-Chief of the military





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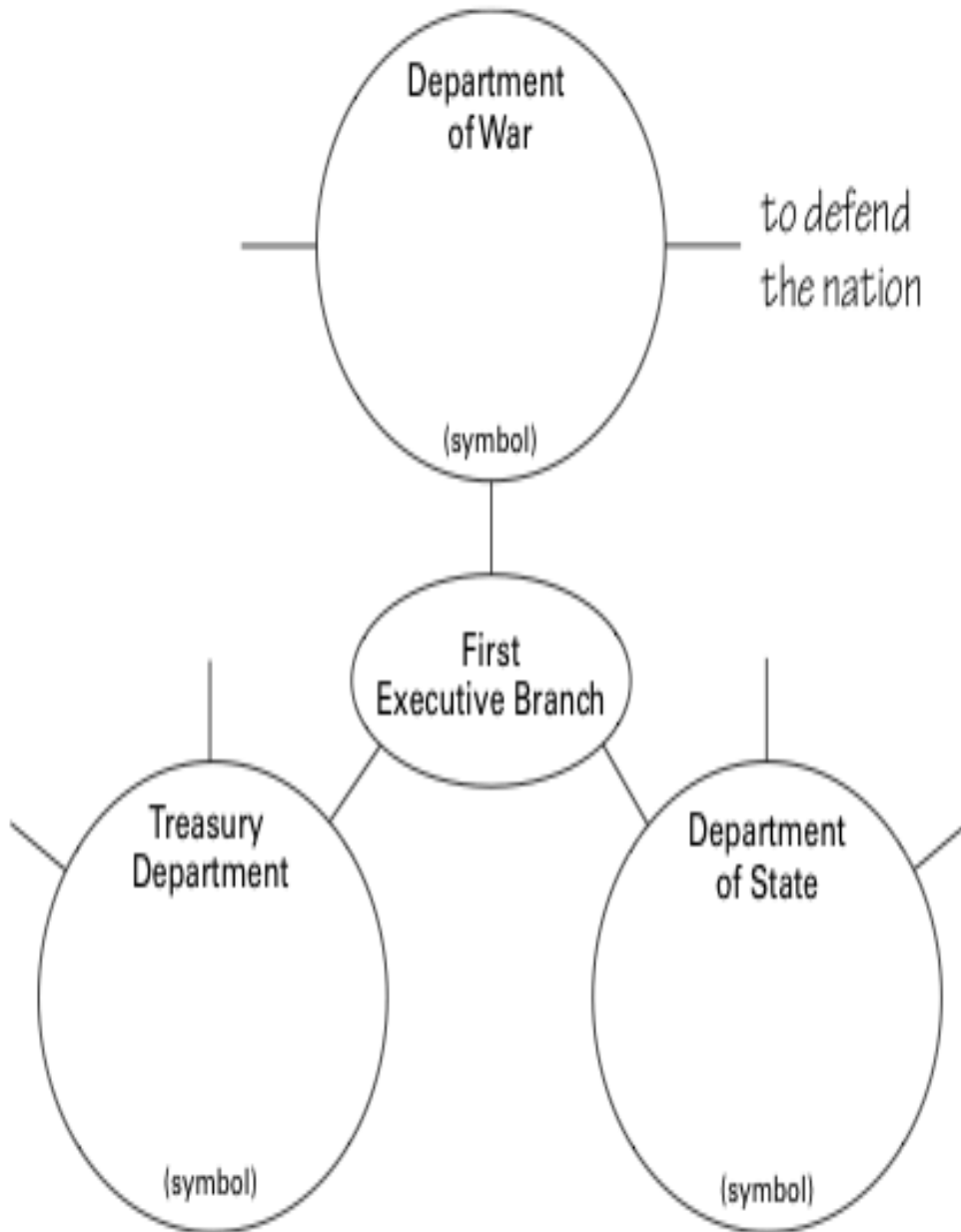
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### Washington's Precedents HOMEWORK

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**Directions:** Complete the spoke diagram illustrating the nation's first executive branch under George Washington. Draw a symbol to represent each department. Then, on the spokes, list the role of each department and the person who headed it.









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**Washington's Precedents**  
**EXIT TICKET**

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**Directions:** Examine the following responsibilities. Determine whether the responsibility belongs to the State department, the Department of the Treasury or the Department of War.

1. This is the department that supervises the banks \_\_\_\_\_

2. The United States needs to meet with France in order to determine a treaty on nuclear weapons \_\_\_\_\_

3. This department determines how to distribute supplies to the army

\_\_\_\_\_

4. This is the department that determines military strategies for the War in Afghanistan

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5. This department pays all bills and debt for the United States

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6. This department would be in charge of creating a trade agreement with China

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