

Chapter 14: The Presidency in Action

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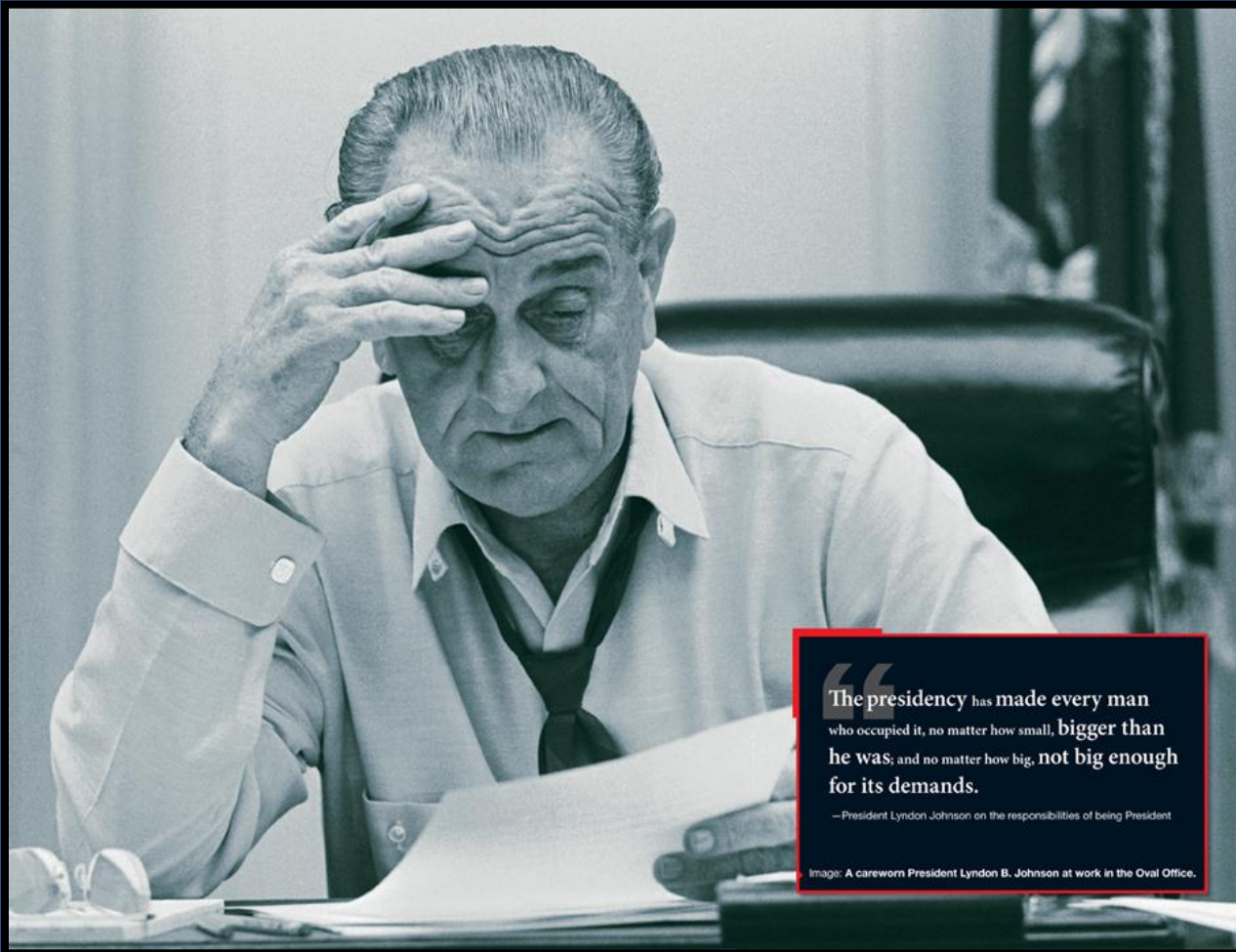
Lecture Notes

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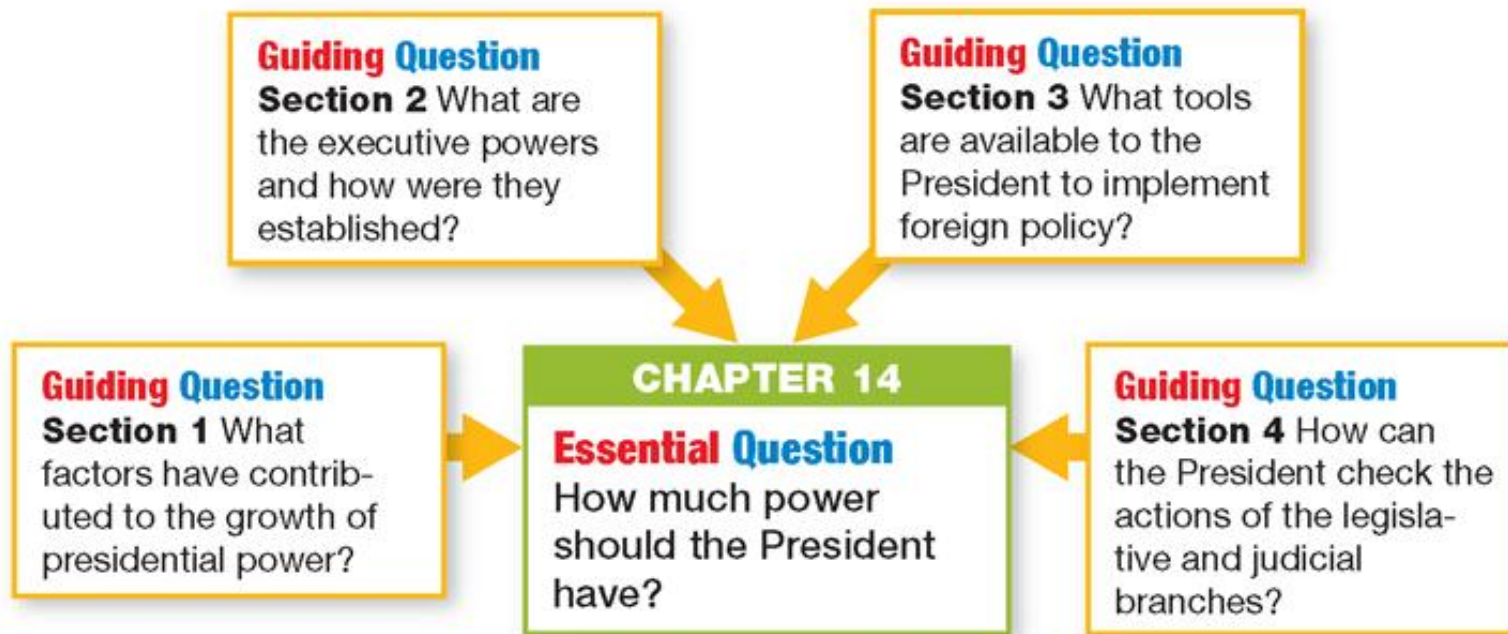
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Image: A careworn President Lyndon B. Johnson at work in the Oval Office.

▶ Essential Question

- What should the limits be on the powers of the President?



▶ Guiding Questions

- Section 1: The Growth of Presidential Power
 - What factors have contributed to the growth of Presidential power?
 - The scope and power of the presidency has changed a great deal as the United States became a world power.

▶ Guiding Questions

- Section 2: The Executive Powers
 - What are the executive powers and how were they established?
 - The executive powers are laid out in Article II of the Constitution and establish how the President is to execute the laws of the land.

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- Section 3: Diplomatic and Military Powers
 - What tools are available to the President to implement foreign policy?
 - Tools such as the power to write treaties, the power of diplomatic recognition, and the role of commander-in-chief help the President implement foreign policy.

▶ Guiding Questions

- Section 4: Legislative and Judicial Powers
 - How can the President check the actions of the legislative and judicial branches?
 - The President is given certain legislative and judicial powers, such as the veto and the power to pardon, to help check the actions of the legislative and judicial branches.